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NAVY'S SUDDEN ATTACK
REPULSE BAY THE SCENE OF AN
EPIC STRUGGLE

[By Our Own Representative]

A few hours before dawn—a steely glow glimmered beyond the hills—the gulls resting above Repulse Bay soared into the air with screams of alarm. It was else eerily quiet, except for the wind sounding through the scrub. But somewhere on the hillside a twig snapped. A hushed voice gave an order, and a tiny speck of yellow flickered far away among the crags.

A little later a searchlight shone with dramatic suddenness out of the dark, and caught in its powerful beam a group of figures moving cautiously along the paths. Then, from Deep Water Bay a Verey light shot into the sky and fell slowly in a shimmering cascade of green. "Bang!" went a fifteen-pounder concealed somewhere "up there," and the valley resounded with the thunder of its echo.

"The war's on, Sir," said an eager young one-pipper. "Yes," answered the Colonel gravely, "and God help Hong Kong."

HOW IT ALL BEGAN

It started in a very unromantic way—just a few lorries toiling up the hill above Wong Nei Cheong Gap at four o'clock yesterday afternoon. But detachments of local troops were already quietly at work among the hills. There was the R.A.S.C., which was unloading mysterious boxes and canvas bags from lorries, doing the arduous but necessary work of preparation. Then the telegraph section were much in evidence, unrolling coils of insulated wire and attaching it to posts that had been erected at various sections of the country. Every corner had its decoration of yellow-covered wire, and before many hours the "war" area between Wong Nei Cheong and Repulse Bay was the centre of an efficient telephone service. Indeed, the communications were the most excellent features of this "mock warfare," which, as readers of the "China Mail" already know, took the form of an invasion of Hong Kong from the sea.

NOT A SECRET

The affair, for some unexplained reason, had been planned with the greatest secrecy and apparently zealously kept for none but Service ears, but only apparently. The "China Mail," which was not officially invited to attend, heard of the manoeuvres from its usual reliable sources and gave the information to its readers beforehand. It was a matter of public interest—the possible results of an attack on the Colony—and in that spirit we lay bare the secret.

Providing myself with a red, officially-recognised armband, writes our representative, "I arrived on the scene of operations shortly after four o'clock yesterday afternoon, and was directed to the Headquarters of the General Staff by Colonel Stewart.

Headquarters were excellently situated in the Police Hut above the cross-roads, from which a commanding view of the Bay and surrounding country could be had. A light battery was emplaced on the hill at the side of Headquarters which, for the first uneventful hours up to 2.30 a.m. this morning, were unoccupied, the temporary "base" of the G.H.Q. Staff being a bench fitted snugly into a lane on the hillside, and spread with such military comforts as sandwiches and "with-water-or-without."

MAKING THE BEST OF IT

The men of the various Regiments—Somerset's, K.O.B., R.A., R.A.S.C., and the Hong Kong Volunteer Force (machine gun and motor-cyclist section)—were detailed to occupy various "lines of advance." Not all of these were as snug as some would have wished, but "Tommy" made the best of a bad job with a "Britisher's" and the small fires that were allowed.

All through the night there were stealthy movements along the hillside and in the valleys. The telephone hummed with orders and reports, and the "China Mail" was reporting important officials from base to

base, swept imperiously along the main roads.

Number two Base, fortunately for those concerned, was the Golf Club, in Deep Water Bay, where Colonel Daint, of the Norfolk Regiment, acted as one of the Umpires.

IN COVER OF DARK

After a couple of hours' rest at the Repulse Bay Hotel, I arose, punctually at 2 a.m. and made my way in the pitch darkness to the beach. A lance-corporal, with a worried expression, was in charge of a party of two men and appealed to me to show him the way. We stumbled our way down to the sands and presently came upon a radio station, in which the operator was assiduously taking down notes of intelligence concerning the enemy's movements. A candle lit the interior of the station, which, in reality, was one of the familiar native thatched huts, its only occupants being the operator and a sleepy officer esconced in an armchair.

A LANDING MADE

"Nothing definite has come through yet," he said. "The enemy are believed to have made an attempted landing at Taitam, but no confirmation of this has come through."

The beach was to all appearance deserted, the only sound being the rumble of the waves. No lights shone out at sea, and the coastline could be only dimly discerned. "What an ideal spot for a landing," I suggested.

The radio officer laughed drily. "There are machine gun sectors at either end of the beach," he said, "and, besides, the whole of this part of the coastline is carefully watched and guarded."

LIGHTS AT SEA

The wind was bitterly cold and piercing. I looked at my watch; the luminous hands showed me that it was time for action—half past past three. The darkness became less intense as I walked up the hill in the direction of Headquarters. The lights of a car swept the road and presently a powerful Studebaker raced up and came to a stop at my signal.

"Going to Headquarters?" I asked. "We're going there later," came the reply. "We are doing a circuit tour now to Deep Water Bay and, incidentally, to look for any casualties, and then return to Headquarters."

We drove along the sea road, past the Golf Club, up the hill, and back. There were no hospital cases, to our relief, but "out to sea" a speck of light blinked and went on. The atmosphere of "sandwiches and "with-or-without-water" had

AN EASY TRANSITION

—THE CHARMING YOUNG CHINESE BOY...



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PROPERTY VALUES RISE

IMPORTANT DEALS PUT
THROUGH
SIX LAKHS INVOLVED

Two transactions in property in Hong Kong, both record increases in price, tending to show that there is confidence in the Colony yet, in spite of arguments for and against rent control.

The Spanish Dominican Procurator has purchased Lot No. 13a, at the Praya East reclamation. This belongs

HONG KONG MAIL LOST

Information has now been received from Karachi confirming the total loss of the bag of air mail forwarded from Hong Kong on October 4.

ed to the estate of the late Mr. Lee Hysan, a Chinese millionaire. There are over 18,000 square feet in the lot and the price was \$7.50 per square foot, bringing the deal to the neighbourhood of 1 1/2 lakhs. Messrs. Fred Kew & Co., land, share and general brokers, put the sale through. Subsequently, the "China Mail" learns, the purchasers were offered \$12 a square foot.

Another deal in which Messrs. Fred Kew & Co. acted as brokers, was even larger. It concerned an important site in the business district, being the middle of the west side of that part of Ice House Street between Messrs. David Sassoon's building (on the Des Voeux Road side) and the Netherlands Trading Society's premises (on the Queen's Road Side). The block in question houses the Hong Kong Share-brokers' Association, Messrs. William Powell, Ltd., the Clover Flower Shop, etc., with offices on the floor above.

Mr. J. E. Joseph was the buyer, at \$45 per square foot, so that 4 1/2 lakhs changed hands. The Chinese sellers, who had only become owners a little time before, had purchased at \$40 per square foot.

departed when I arrived at the No. 1 Base. Grim sentries marched up and down, guarding the sacred little brick hut. Within, by the guttering flame of a candle, serious-faced Staff Officers were bending over a map.

In that dim light, which cast strange shadows on the whitewashed walls, one could see only set faces half hidden under turned-up collars, and shining holsters and binocular cases.

A Colonel of the Somerset's was bending over the telephone. "Send the 'A' sector to..." he said, and a gust of wind finished the rest of the sentence for me.

NEWS COMES THROUGH

Presently they caught sight of me. "Who are you?" asked a stern young subaltern, who might one day be a general.

Modestly I showed him my red armband. "War correspondent for the 'China Mail,'" I replied, and asked for news of the engagement.

The officer at the telephone laid down the receiver and turned to me. "Three boatsloads of the enemy are reported to have landed at Red Hill

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LOYALISTS DEFEATED

Another Reverse For
Chiang Kai-shek

Yet another reverse for Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and the National Government of China has occurred, this time from the Upper Yangtze River, in the west of Hupeh province (Central China), whence trouble was reported yesterday.

A Royal Naval wireless communication issued this morning reads:—

"It is reported that some Nationalist troops sent to repel the rebels (who began at Itu) near Ichang were defeated and that the rebels are advancing on Ichang."

"Preparations have been made to evacuate—in case of necessity—the British, American and Japanese communities from Ichang."

ANCIENT ITALIAN FEUD ENDS

POPE RECEIVES THE KING AND
QUEEN OF ITALY

COSTLY GIFTS PRESENTED

Vatican City, Yesterday. The Pope presented to the Queen of Italy a rosary of gold and precious stones, and a mosaic reproduction of a picture of the Madonna by Raphael, and to the King of Italy a coffee designed by Beltrani, four volumes illustrating the Vatican, a collection of coins, and a case of gold, silver and bronze medals specially struck for the occasion.

Their Majesties presented the Pope with an antique pectoral cross, studded with jewels, and a small crucifix, which is the heirloom of the House of Savoy. Their Majesties the King and Queen of Italy drove in state this morning to visit His Holiness the Pope and for the first time sovereigns of United Italy entered the Vatican thus ending a quarrel which has lasted sixty-nine years.—Reuter.

MONSOON FRESH

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory says:—

The anti-cyclone is now Central over the Sea of Japan. The monsoon is interrupted to the north of Poochow but will remain fresh over the China Sea.

A depression is crossing the Vissayas in a westerly direction. It will probably develop into a typhoon in the China Sea.

Forecast:—N.E. winds, moderate; fair.

The American Consulate-General has received the following typhoon warning from the Manila Observatory:—

Yesterday 10 p.m.—Typhoon in about 120 degrees Long. E. 60 degrees Lat. N. moving W.

CANTONESE INFLICT CASUALTIES

BOMBS DROPPED UP NORTH
RIVER

IRONSIDES' TACTICS

More wounded soldiers were brought back to Canton yesterday but, on the other hand, the Cantonese have been inflicting casualties on their opponents, the Kwangsi-ites and the Ironsides.

The situation at Samshui (80 miles by rail from Canton), on the door of which the Kwangsi-ites are knocking, did not change yesterday. Samshui is at the confluence of the West and North Rivers, which the Kwangsi-ites are waiting for an opportunity to cross, presumably when the Ironsides (who are a little further up the North River) create a diversion for them by a sustained attack. But, says a Royal Naval communiqué, "some bombs were reported to have been dropped up the North River yesterday morning," ostensibly by the Cantonese on the advancing enemy.

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Canton Environs
The situation in Canton itself is still quiet. Meanwhile light has been thrown on the firing to the north of the city on December 4. It is correct that enemies of the Canton Government were at work and that they were routed by the city garrison. Some say that the Ironsides (re-adopting the methods they used to such good purpose against the Northerners in 1926 and 1927) sent up about 400 plain-clothes troops to the very environs of Canton, not so much to attempt a surprise capture, as to strike consternation in the hearts of the defenders.

The Ironsides are also stated to have several units of cavalry (mounted on ponies) operating with their main column near the lower North River.

The general offensive by the Ironsides, to be followed by the Kwangsi-ites, is now expected hourly. The Cantonese, with their Northern reinforcements, will concentrate on defending a short line—which is in dangerous proximity to Canton—before counter-attacking.

RE-DISCOUNT RATE

San Francisco, Yesterday. The Federal Reserve Board has lowered the re-discount rate to 4 1/2 per cent.—Reuter's American Service.

COMMONWEALTH BANK

Canberra, Yesterday. The House of Representatives has passed the third reading of the Commonwealth Bank Bill.—Reuter.

PIRATES POSE AS IRONSIDES

TOW-BOATS ATTACKED ON
WEST RIVER

CATCH A TARTAR

FORMER HONG KONG UNDESIRABLES IN CUSTODY

News has reached Hong Kong that two undesirables, whose identities are well known to the local authorities, have been captured up-country after an affair with which piracy, politics and smuggling were mixed up. The "China Mail" correspondent at Pakkai, the port of Kongmoon, in the lower West River delta, about 100 miles E.N.E. of Hong Kong, throws light on developments and mentions, incidentally, the effect of the campaign of the Ironsides (who are not too well liked because of their supposed Radical tendencies).

CURIOUS EXPERIENCE

Pakkai, Yesterday. As I stated in my previous report, outlaws venture out as soon as the garrison is withdrawn for active service elsewhere, and several bands have been active of late. One had a curious experience.

Professing to be adherents to General Chang Fa-kuei, Commander-in-Chief of the Ironsides (they merely did so because they were bandits and therefore in opposition to the constituted authority), a group of men stole (they said "commandeered") the steam-launch "Sun Ning Wo" at Suncheong.

One of their first ventures was to pursue the wealthy passenger tow-boat plying between Canton and Suncheong, the venue being Sam Kong Hau (near Gaemoon). The launch towing the junk put on speed and another launch acting as escort opened fire to such deadly effect that the bandits fled ignominiously.

The robbers then attacked the Taumoon tow-boat. The launch towing the latter cut the rope (leaving the junk to her fate) and got away. The junk drifted on to the river bank, however, Providence thereby furnishing the hapless passengers with an avenue of escape. The self-professed "Ironsides" bandits could not approach in their launch because the water was too shallow.

PASSENGERS TAKEN FOR RANSOM

Balked a second time, these adventurers embarked again. Some time or other they had on board their launch an assortment of hand grenades, Lewis gun (third hand), Mauser pistols and ammunition. They made out that the Ironsides had given it to them for purposes of war! They, however, succeeded at last in their career of buccaneering. The Nam Sui tow-boat was robbed. Passengers were carried away for ransom and the cargo was looted.

Then the authorities waxed wroth. An expedition was sent against them; over thirty were arrested and handed over to the Magistrate; and the two men "known" in Hong Kong were discovered.

POSITION IN KONGMOON

Kongmoon has been quiet, although extraordinary precautions are adopted nightly in view of the political crisis elsewhere in the province. Coolies are still being rounded up by Police press-gangs to carry away the belongings of the few remaining troops. The city is entirely under the protection of the so-called volunteer militia.

Pakkai was alarmed by a report (which was not borne out) that pirates were planning a night attack on a certain date. Many residents spent the night in Kongmoon but nothing happened.

In fact, the populace generally is more afraid of a Red outbreak than a visitation of pirates. Many remember that it was during the Ironsides' regime in Canton that the Communists overran Canton and sacked the city for three days. The Ironsides fought the Communists tooth and nail; undoubtedly, but it was their original "firing" with Reds that gave the movement encouragement.

The danger at Shekhi (about a fortnight ago) was over by the time the "Padi-Beld" Guards returned to accord protection. Small detachments of this unit have been sent

MARY PICKFORD IN HONG KONG

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CHAT TO PRESSMEN

WHAT THEY THINK OF THE TALKIES

They are here at last! Mary Pickford, the world's sweetheart, and her equally famous husband, Douglas Fairbanks, arrived yesterday by the s.s. "Rajputana." They are just as lovable as when you see them on the silver screen. Fame has not spoiled them, as many may have thought. To the crowd of admirers who gathered at the wharf to catch a glimpse of them, these two Hollywood idols were most friendly. They had a smile for each, and although they had only a few hours to see Hong Kong, they did not grudge some of it to talk to Pressmen.

There was a Junior Fairbanks in the company, and little Jack is a delightful and refreshing youngster. His father says that Jack's ambition is to run the world, and I can quite believe it, too. Jack is a masterful kid, and well, who knows what the future holds in store. His winning ways are certainly a great asset contributing toward his ambition.

CORDIAL GREETING

After the liner had tied up, we went aboard and the very mention of the names of these two Hollywood stars acted as open sesame. We were shown to a comfortable apartment and were cordially greeted. There was the debonaire "Doug" Fairbanks in flesh, dressed in a grey flannel suit. His bronze-face figure and masterful gait at once recalled the several films in which "Doug" took the leading role.

Then in a pleasant voice tinged with an American accent, he said, "Well, you want to ask me some questions? I am ready and you can bombard me as much as you like."

Before we "bombarded" we looked around the room trying to locate the "world's sweetheart." Doug knew, and, in quite a charming way, apologised for the absence of his wife.

"She had rather a bad night, and is feeling none too grand, but she will be with us in a minute," he explained.

HIS NEXT PRODUCTION

We then got going. We asked him what he had got in view for his next production. "No," he replied. "It is possible that I shall get some ideas on this trip. That is usually the way—we think out something and then work on it when we get home."

As a producer, Doug said that picture-making was a continual process of elimination, sorting out hundreds of impressions, before coming to the salient parts. Everything must be simple and direct. It was a mistake to take stories from the theatre or from literature.

WONG PO RECAPTURED

Wong Po has been recaptured by Government troops and the gang of bandits there has fled to Maning and Kongmei.

In such exciting times, it is not to be wondered at that a rumour reached Hong Kong to the effect that Kongmoon had "been captured" by or had "gone over" (both figuratively) to the Ironsides or other opponents of the Canton Government. The exploits of the bandits who stole the launch "Sun Ning Wo" led to the rumour because they claimed to be acting for the Ironsides.

Incoming crews talk of attempts to hold up their craft, by pirates, at Parrot Bend. But the outlaws caught a tartar when they mistook an armed and armoured Chinese naval launch to be the Canton tow-boat. The launch opened fire with machine-guns and the pirates suffered heavy casualties in the dark.

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NOTICE.

A BRIDGE and MAH-JONG DRIVE in aid of the Hong Kong Benevolent Society will be held at the Helena May Institute on MONDAY, December 16, 1929, from 3.30-6 p.m. A charge of \$2 will be made. Ladies who are willing to be responsible for a table are asked to communicate with Mrs. H. G. Sheldon, 25, Peak Mansions, before December 6. Tea will be provided free of charge. Come one—Come all.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE TENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, 7th December, 1929, commencing at 2 p.m.

The first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1 for all persons including Ladies.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis at \$5 each up to Friday, 6th December, 1929.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2.

Each member can obtain upon application to the Secretary Badges for admission of 2 Ladies free of charge.

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Machine Gun Troop and Scottish Company.

The Corps Signals proceeded to Camp on Wednesday evening.

Attention of all ranks are drawn to the fact that they must bring great coats to camp folded and carried in slings.

Railway Time Table
From Kowloon to Fanling:—
5.40 p.m. Friday and Saturday evening.
7.35 p.m. Friday and Saturday evening.
6.40 a.m. Saturday and Sunday morning.

From Fanling to Kowloon:—
5.58 p.m. Sunday evening.

The Battery will attend the R.A. Practice Camp at Tai Lam during the week-end December 14-15 and 21-22.

Corps Band
There will be a Band Practice at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday at H.Q. in mufti.

The Battery
Parade at H.Q. for Gun Drill to-day at 5.30 p.m.

Transport to Camp—Transport will leave Kowloon Ferry as under:—

Fridays December 13 and 20 5.45 p.m.
Saturdays December 14 and 21 2.30 p.m.

Engineer Company
Parade at Instruction Shed, Wellington Barracks, on Thursday at 5.30 p.m. for switchboard and projector practice with engine running. Dress, mufti.

All members who have not fired Parts 1 and 2 Table T, are reminded that Sunday, December 15, is the last opportunity to make themselves efficient.

Corps Signals
There will be a parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday. Dress—mufti.

Machine Gun Troop
The Troop will go into camp to-day. There will be no parades next week.

Machine Gun Company
The Company will parade as strong as possible on Tuesday at 5.30 p.m. at H.Q. in mufti for M.G. Training.

Scottish Company
Parade at H.Q. for Machine Gun Instruction on Thursday at 5.30 p.m.

Portuguese Company
Parade.—The Company will hold its next Parade on Friday, December 13 at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. Rifles—All Rifles, properly cleaned, must be returned to stores by December 13.

Sergeants' Mess
There will be a meeting of the Sergeants' Mess Committee at 6 p.m. on Thursday.

Strength
The following recruit has been taken on the strength and posted as under:—

No. 1530 Spr. Bebbington N.J., Engineer Company, from 29.11.29.

Leave
No. 1181 Pte. G. A. Ribeiro, No. 10 Platoon, from 14.11.29 to 13.5.30. (Sick leave).

No. 1227 Pte. L. A. Peres, No. 12 Platoon, from 14.11.29 to 18.12.29. (Sick leave).

No. 1862 Pte. G. A. V. Hall, No. 2 Platoon, from 19.11.29 to 31.12.29.

No. 1147 Cpl. G. B. Labrum, A. Car Company, having returned from leave, rejoined for duty on 30.11.29.

(Sgd.) R. A. WOLFE-MURRAY,
Major Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

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NEW LEGISLATION OPPOSED**DR. KOTEWALL FORCES A DIVISION****LIQUORS ORDINANCE**

Because, he submitted, it is contrary to the spirit of English jurisprudence, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D. (one of the three Chinese members), at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council, led the opposition to a piece of proposed legislation.

The second reading of "an Ordinance to amend the law relating to intoxicating liquors" had been moved and the Council had gone into Committee (consisting of the whole Council) to consider the Bill clause by clause. The following then occurred:—

Dr. Kotewall.—I beg to move that the proposed new section 87A be deleted. I submit that this section is contrary to the spirit of English jurisprudence. As I understand it, no person, except as a witness in a properly constituted tribunal, is compelled by law to give information. According to Halsbury, volume 13, page 674, even a witness before such a tribunal "may refuse to answer a question on the ground that the answer may tend to incriminate him, that is, may tend to expose the witness or the husband or wife of the witness, to any kind of criminal charge or to any kind of penalty or forfeiture."

Law of Privilege
The proposed section takes no cognisance of this well-known law of privilege extended to witnesses. Very often the man who is asked for information in these matters is the man who is likely in the end to get into trouble. He is here compelled to answer any question, even though the answer may tend to incriminate him. Again, as the section is worded, any person not in the liquor trade, who the Superintendent may believe to be in possession of information required by him, would be liable to give such information on pain of a penalty. To my mind, the system is open to serious objections.

The Attorney-General, in introducing the Bill, said:—Though the proposed power is perhaps a little unusual, it has a precedent in the Tobacco Ordinance which has apparently worked satisfactorily for the last thirteen years. It seems to me that the fact that the power already exists in another Ordinance is not sufficient reason for its multiplication. I hope that when the Tobacco Ordinance comes to be amended, opportunity may be taken to repeal the relevant section. The existence of such a law on our Statute Book is to say the least of it, very undesirable.

Public General
The Attorney-General also said that in the proposed Bill two restrictions had been added which ought, in his opinion, to relieve anyone of the fear that the section might have an injurious effect. He continued: The first restriction is that the power is given only to the Superintendent and to such revenue officers as the Superintendent may authorise in writing for the purpose. The second restriction is that the power shall not extend to the questioning of any person who has been charged under the Ordinance with any offence, or in whose case the Superintendent has decided to prosecute under the Ordinance. I submit, with due deference, that these restrictions do not remove the objections. Whether the power is restricted to certain officials, or not, the fact remains that it violates the fundamental principle of British law and British justice. The second restriction is no sufficient protection to the public because even though the Superintendent may not have decided to prosecute at the time when he puts the questions, the answers to his questions may incriminate a person, which may lead to his prosecution. I beg, therefore, to propose that the section be deleted.

Sir H. Pollock Disagrees
Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C. (senior Unofficial member),—I much regret to say that I do not agree with the view which has been expressed by my hon. friend, Dr. Kotewall. Perhaps it may be said that in a certain sense I am prejudiced in this matter because, unless my recollection fails me, as acting Attorney-General last year, I was the draughtsman of this new section 87A, without the benefit of previous at the end which have been recently added by my hon. friend, Sir Joseph Kemp. I think, Sir, that in cases of trying to prevent Pollock and the Hon. Mr. A. C. frauds on the revenue, the great object which one should bear in mind is the question of making the law efficient and I think that this clause 87A tends in the direction of making the law more efficient. The third reading was held over until the next meeting.

Bill Passed
Other Bills which passed the second and third readings were:—
An Ordinance to amend further the Liquors Ordinance, 1927.

An Ordinance to provide for the incorporation of the Procurator in Hong Kong of the Portuguese Province of the Jesuit Order.

An Ordinance to amend the Jesuit Order Incorporation Ordinance, 1927.

Five New Bills
Five Bills were read a first time yesterday after the Attorney-General had gone into details. These were:—

An Ordinance to amend further the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1908.

An Ordinance to amend further the Companies Ordinance, 1911.

An Ordinance to amend the Arms and Ammunition Ordinance, 1900.

An Ordinance to amend the Crown Lands Resumption Ordinance, 1900.

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NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.	
TAKAOKA MARU	Thursday, 19th December.
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CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
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VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Japan Ports from Shanghai.	
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SYDNEY MARU	Friday, 13th December.
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KENADO MARU	Thursday, 12th Dec., 10 a.m.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.	
HAGUE MARU	Friday, 6th December.
JAPAN PORTS.	
BORNEO MARU	Sunday, 8th December.
ATLAS MARU	Friday, 18th December.
NETTO MARU (via Kaulung)	Wednesday, 11th December.
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CANTON MARU	Sunday, 8th December, Noon.
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COASTAL SHIPPING

Latest Changes In Personnel

Mr. E. J. Hankin, from reserve, has gone second officer, Fatahan.
Mr. M. Doffy, second officer, Fatahan, has gone second officer, Chungking.
Captain A. Terrible, of the Poyang, has retired from the China Navigation Co.
Captain J. W. Tinson, of the Wuchang, has gone master, Poyang.
Captain H. Gifford, from reserve, has gone master, Wuchang.
Mr. N. Funder, from Home leave, has gone extra chief officer, Hsin Peking.
Mr. J. Robinson, extra chief officer, Sunning, is on reserve.
Mr. J. H. McLaren, chief officer, Wosung, has gone chief officer, Ninghai.
Mr. E. Williams, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Wosung.
Mr. J. Middleton, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Nanning.
Mr. J. S. Turnbull, second officer, Nanning, is on reserve.
Captain R. Umpleby, from Home leave, is on reserve.
Mr. R. Anderson, from Home leave, has gone extra chief officer, Hsin Peking.
Mr. A. Swanson, second officer, Ninghai, has gone second officer, Ninghai.
Mr. B. Steffanson, from reserve, has gone extra second officer, Ninghai.
Mr. I. Newton, chief officer, Wansien, has gone chief officer, Kiating.
Mr. W. Dickinson, chief officer, Kiating, has gone chief officer, Wansien.
Captain E. Johnson, of the Wansien, has gone master, Kiating.
Captain R. Allison, of the Kiating, has gone master, Wansien.
Mr. J. Middleton, from Home leave, has gone extra chief officer, Hsin Peking.
Mr. W. T. D. Murphy, second officer, Sunning, has gone extra second officer, Hsin Peking.
Mr. D. H. Davidson, third engineer officer, Chinkiang, is on reserve.
Mr. W. D. Williams, from reserve, has gone third engineer officer, Chinkiang.
Mr. A. L. Honnor, chief engineer officer, Chinkiang, has resigned from the G.N. Co.
Mr. A. M. McGregor, chief engineer officer, Shansi, has gone chief engineer officer, Chinkiang.
Mr. R. D. Davis, second engineer officer, Poyang, has gone acting chief engineer officer, Shansi.
Mr. J. P. Brown, third engineer officer, Wenchow, has gone third engineer officer, Liangchow.
Mr. A. J. Courtney, third engineer officer, Liangchow, has gone third engineer officer, Malmouche.
Mr. E. V. de Shan, second officer, Tinghsang, has gone second officer, Wansien.
Mr. E. J. Thomson, second officer, Wansien, has gone second officer, Tinghsang.
Mr. D. B. Smith, second officer, Suifu, has gone second officer, Kungwo.
Mr. T. Fairbairn, second officer, Kungwo, has gone second officer, Suifu.
Mr. J. Robson, second engineer officer, Kutwo, has gone second engineer officer, Hopang.
Mr. H. J. Cairns, third officer, Hingang, is on reserve.
Mr. J. Fant, third officer, Chak-sang, has gone third officer, Hingang.
Mr. L. McRae, chief officer, Kumsang, is on reserve.
Mr. G. K. Hudson, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Kumsang.
Mr. W. L. Courtney, third officer, Chikhsang, has gone third officer, Kwong-sang.
Mr. R. W. Draney, from reserve, has gone second officer, Chikhsang.
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SHIPPING BREVITIES

At the Marine Court this morning before Mr. T. W. H. Hooegood, the master of a cargo boat was fined \$5 for mooring his craft abreast of five others.

The master of a hawker boat was fined \$3 for committing a breach of his licence; and a \$5 fine was levied on the mistress of a passenger junk for carrying cargo other than passengers' luggage.

THE NAVAL RESERVE

The Auxiliary Training Ships

The various non-naval training ships established round the coast, from the Worcester and Conway at one end of the scale to the Arethusa and Exmouth, or even the reformatory ships, at the other, are of inestimable value to the Royal Navy, for in war the Navy is bound to rely upon the Merchant Navy as its mainstay just as it has relied in every war since the dawn of history. The lads turned out by these training ships mostly go into the Merchant Navy, when their early training makes them particularly valuable as Naval Reservists, but some of them have gone directly into the navy. The trouble is that in the present state of the British shipping industry, and the cutting down of the Royal Navy, it is quite impossible to find billets for all these youngsters, and even among the most promising there are quite a number who have to find employment ashore, or the casual work of a sailor. Yet it would be quite impossible to let these training establishments close down, for they are of the utmost value and if their work were allowed to cease, re-commencing it would be a terrible task. Therefore, although the Admiralty is not able nowadays to give the training ships much help, either in finance or in finding billets for lads leaving, they still offer them every encouragement, and there is no doubt that the Admiralty inspections of all the ships helps a lot in keeping them up to their high standard. Sir John Kelly, Admiral Commanding Reserves, recently inspected the Mercury, where over a hundred lads who cannot afford the prices of the crack ships, receive a very excellent training. The inspection was eminently human, and the Admiral was able to see the boys both at work and play. At the conclusion of the ceremony he expressed unbounded satisfaction at what he had seen, and it is only to be hoped that his satisfaction can find expression in really practical form. The lads turned out by the Mercury are tolerably sure of employment, but it is an opportunity for the Admiralty to look into the whole matter of the training ships and see whether something cannot be done to improve the chances of lads boys in finding really permanent employment to the benefit of themselves, their employers and the nation at large through the Royal Naval Reserve.

DISARMAMENT

Overseas Navy Leagues' Warning

A conference of representatives of overseas branches of The Navy League and of the Navy Leagues of Canada and South Africa was held in London, when the following resolutions were unanimously passed:

"That the limit of reduction has certainly been reached in British naval disarmament and we wholeheartedly endorse the manifesto of the Navy League adopted at the Grand Council of May 8, 1929, which was as follows:—We endorse the great ideal of a general limitation of armaments. But we feel that such disarmament is only practicable on the basis of its being general and simultaneously progressive, while retaining residual defence forces proportionate to each country's responsibilities. We disagree with those who advocate one-sided disarmament. This country has already led the way in disarmament by reducing its navy, army and air force, and we feel that the reduction of defence forces without parallel reductions on the part of the other Powers will not only jeopardise the security of this country and the Empire, but will imperil world peace by rendering it impossible for Great Britain to meet her great obligations, and in view of our progressive trade with the British Dominions, India, and all other parts of the Empire, it becomes increasingly important to defend and keep open the sea routes of the world."

Also, "that this conference is strongly of opinion that a policy denying the right of search of neutral vessels carrying contraband of war and munitions to an enemy would undoubtedly prolong the destruction of human life, for it would enable an enemy to supply itself with an unlimited quantity of its requisites for carrying on a war, and that this conference in the interests, not only of the British Empire, but of all nations, advocates the most determined opposition to the pernicious doctrine of the freedom of the seas in time of war."

WARSHIPS IN PORT

British warships in port this morning were:—
In basin of R.N. Dockyard: "Tamar," "Cornflower," "Peleus."

In Dock: "Seamew," "Magnolia." At north arm: "Iroquois," "Scraph." West wall: "Kent" (flagship). No. 4 Buoy: "Herald." No. 5 Buoy: "Hermes." No. 6 Buoy: "Herwick." No. 8 Buoy: "Bruce." No. 12 Buoy: "Gladys." No. 13 Buoy: "Stormcloud."

Foreign Men of War
Foreign men of war in port were the Portuguese gunboat "Macao," the Chinese gunboats, "Mingang," "Yung Chien" and "Chu Tung," and the Italian gunboat "Libia."

The tanker "Oshipp," 5,585 tons gross, built in 1927, and owned by the British Oil Shipping Company, has been in collision at San Nicolas with the Greek steamer "Maroulo," and has reached Rosario damaged. 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MARY PICKFORD

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CRITICS CRITICISED

Mr. Fairbanks was very anthu-
elastic of the way the British
critics have acclaimed this film
"Taming the Shrew." He was,
however, dissatisfied with the
New York critics. "They have
only a superficial knowledge," he
said, "and are simply content to
describe a thing as marvellous."
"What do you think of the
talkies, and do you think they are
going to last?" he was asked.
"Oh, Heavens, yes! We are
only at the starting point of it.
Look what we can put on the
screen through it: Sound, voice
and colour. You ought to hear
them in New York, London or
Berlin and you would be amazed
at the progress that has been
made. The mechanical difficulties
are practically all settled, and all
sorts of new inventions are being
tried out to give stereoscopic
effects, colours, and a true voice
reproduction. The "funnel" voice,
as though the actors were speak-
ing through a megaphone, which
you probably get with your in-
stallation here, has gone, and they
are working now on a new inven-
tion which will make an enormous
difference."

PROPORTION WRONG

"You know, I think another mis-
take which is being made with
"talkies" now is that the propor-
tion of talking and silent parts
is wrong, it is much too great,
the talking parts ought not to be
more than 10 or 15 per cent. in
my opinion."
Emboldened by his friendliness,
he was asked why the Ameri-
can voice was so frightfully dif-
ficult to understand?
"Oh," replied Douglas, "and so
is English in America. If you
were to take a Scottish talkie
film to the middle of America,
you could not expect them to un-
derstand it! Would they under-
stand a Lancashireman?"
"Let me explain it a bit fur-
ther," he continued. "The pre-
sent talkie is only the advance
guard to teach people who have
not travelled."

"Do you think the silent film is
doomed?" and the reply was "No."
We are waiting for some young
genius to discover how to make a
talkie in the right proportion of
speech and drama. Personally, I
think that later the Talkie
will consist of 10 to 15 per
cent. of dialogue, and the remain-
der of colour and action. I will
tell you what I have done. I don't
suppose I have discovered the right
formula, but I have seen Freddy
Lonsdale, who is the best English
dialogue writer in Hollywood, and
I have got several other people and
asked them to work out a scheme,
to see if we can work out the proper
proportion."

WONDERFUL DEVELOPMENTS

"If you had seen the wonderful de-
velopments of the Talkie in Britain,
America and Germany, as I have,
you would be equally as optimistic
as to putting sound, speech and
drama on the screen. I have no
doubts as to the future of the
Talkies, but it just needs a young
genius to come along with the right
formula for the perfect production
of sound, speech and colour."

Just then the door opened and a
charming lady with a friendly smile
—the smile that we have learned to
love—stood at the doorway. Doug
with the alacrity, which charac-
terises all his films, jumped from the
stool on which he was sitting and in-
troduced his wife to the Pressmen
—not that they wanted an intro-
duction to the charming lady before
them, is not she the "world's sweet-
heart?"

CHARMING MARY

Mary Pickford is just as charm-
ing and lovable as she is on the
screen. Her golden curls are blown
to shingle style. She stood before
us, dressed in a faded frock, over
which she wore a costly sable coat.
A tiny close fitting hat of velvet
with a short black veil adorned her
graceful head. Her eyes—oh, what
eyes—were full of mischievous
smiles and are undoubtedly her
greatest beauty.

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S'ow, Penang & Calcutta	NAMSANG	Wed., 18th Dec. at 3 p.m.
S'ow, Penang & Calcutta	KUTSANG	Sat., 23rd Dec. at 3 p.m.
S'ow, Penang & Calcutta	YUENSANG	Mon., 6th Jan. at 3 p.m.
Sandakan	MAUSANG	Fri., 27th Dec. at 3 p.m.
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She then spoke—the Pressmen
were taken back to her film
"Coquette"—and explained that in
that picture she was playing
in the role of a Southern girl,
and the accent was part of the
role.

"Yes," she said, "I pre-
fer Talkies to the silent
films, but we shortly hope
to produce both talkies and silent
films at the same time, although
how they are going to get all the
cameras working I don't know.
They will have to do it on their
heads," she added with a pretty
laugh.

COMPARISON NOT FAIR

"Talkies," she said, "are in their
infancy, they are only one year old
while silent pictures are twenty.
It is not fair to compare them.
It seems to me that five years pro-
gress has been made in one. You
say that those you have seen are
crude, so were the first silent films;
they must be. With the present
technique you must have rather
crude and violent melodrama.
When the voice reproduction is bet-
ter we can have films with all the
fine and delicate shades of emotion
which would simply be lost now."

"What are you planning to do
next?"
"I am not sure, but it will be a
modern story," said Mary. "I
hope to make a talkie and a silent
picture at the same time, if the
technical difficulties can be got
over."

"Why a silent film, if you are so
sure of the future of the talkies?"
"There are many places where
English is not understood," she
replied, "and I think it would be
a pity if we lost the world mar-
ket."

"Will you play a definite role in
future since you have given up
the little girl roles which made you
famous. Will you create another
personal role?"

"I did not have to give them
up," she replied. "It was quite
voluntary. I don't think, though,
that I shall allow myself to be tied
in that way again. I am only the
medium of my art. I want to do
whatever I can do best for art's
sake."

"You see," she went on, "my
position is not easy. I have a duty
to the thousands of mothers who
have supported me so wonderfully,
and always take their children to
see my films. Mary Pickford can't
make a film which would harm a
child. I have to be much more
careful than anyone else. I haven't
anything in my pictures the
least risque."

Coming on to the deck, Doug
and Mary were asked to pose for
the camera men, and readily
consented.

With a jolly smile and a hearty
good-bye to all, "Doug" went off
with Mary and Junior to see the
sights of Hong Kong.

HONG KONG TIDE

The tide-table given below has
been obtained by aid of the Tide-pre-
dicting Machine, which includes 40
components for the better prediction
of tides, from the result of the
analysis of the tidal observations,
taken at the Kowloon tidal observa-
tory under the direction of Dr.
Dobereck during the years 1887, 1888
and 1889.
The times and heights are given
for Kowloon; but they may be used
for the Victoria Naval Yard and
Aberdeen, the differences being very
small.
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must not be considered to coincide
with the times of slack-water and
change of current, the two phenomena
being quite distinct.

December 6 to 12, 1929.

Nov.	Standard Times	Hi.	Standard Times	Hi.
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Sat.	7.10	12.27	7.10	12.27
Sun.	8.10	1.27	8.10	1.27
Mon.	9.10	2.27	9.10	2.27
Tues.	10.10	3.27	10.10	3.27
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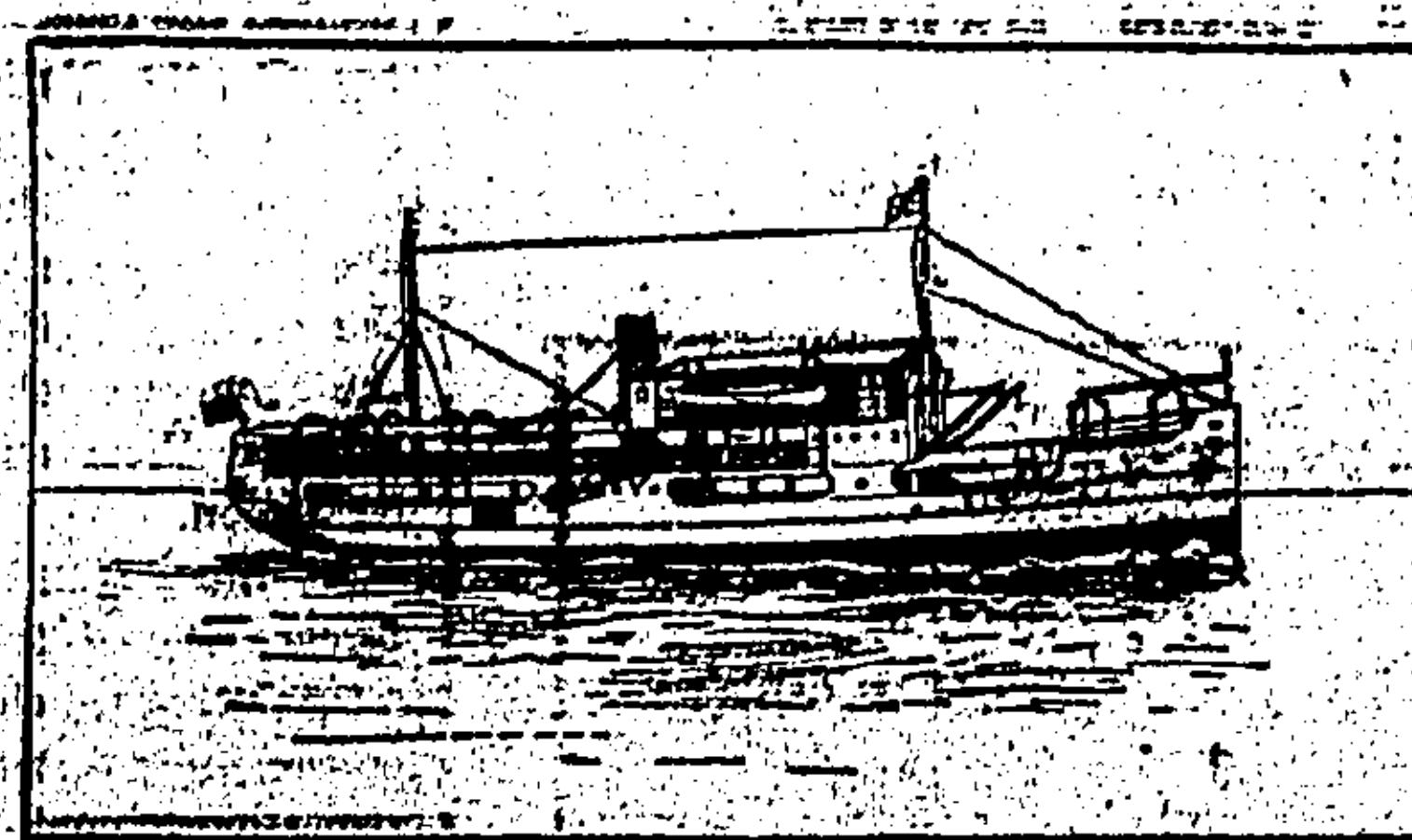
A lady after attending a society
function, feeling indisposed, ordered
her chauffeur to drive to her
doctor. The doctor diagnosed her
case very quickly.
"You have caught a chill," he
said. "Drive straight home, get
dressed, and go to bed."

"You're afraid to fight, that's
what it is!"
"But my mother'll be if I fight
you."
"How'll she find out tell me
that?"
"She'll see the doctor going to
your 'ouse."

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SHIPOWNERS' STRIKE

A strike of shipowners is something quite out of the ordinary and the occurrence of one provided headlines in the Press recently. The trouble began with a partial strike when the British shipowners declined to nominate a representative to attend the International Maritime Conference which met at Geneva in October. The strike became a general one when the whole group of shipowners at Geneva withdrew from the Conference.

The complaint was that the British workers' delegate, in the person of Mr. Ben Tillett, (late Chairman of the Trades Union Congress) did not represent the seamen. It is generally understood that the British shipowners wanted the delegate to be a member of the National Union of Seamen. Why, may be obscure to the lay-reader; the "Manchester Guardian" attributed it to the attitude of the shipowners to the "unusual relations" existing between them and this particular Union.

At the beginning of the Conference the shipowners proposed a resolution which, in the opinion of the representative of the British Government, "cast a very grave reflection" upon his Government and the adoption of which would have meant a revision of the Treaty of Peace, which is quite outside the competence of the Conference. It was inevitable that if the resolution was pressed to a division it would be defeated.

Mr. Tillett in his speech explained that his nomination had

been carried out quite regularly and that the Union of Seamen had been given a chance to send three advisers. He had with him as his other advisers representatives of the engineers, mercantile marine officers, etc., and he pointed out that the Seamen's Union could not claim to represent all seafarers, such as the officers, engineers, carpenters, boilermakers, and a host of others.

It is certainly difficult for an ordinary person to dispute this argument since one of the items on the agenda of the Conference was concerned with officers' standards of efficiency and it is not clear why there should be a seaman as full delegate with an officer to advise him. Mr. Ernest Grub, a publicist of some note, seems to think that, apart from technical, constitutional questions, a great deal is to be said for sending a delegate with what might be called "general qualifications," accompanied by advisers for the special subjects. When one remembers that only a year or two ago the present Lord Privy Seal and the British Minister of Labour were content to attend the Conference as technical advisers, one cannot imagine that a technical adviser occupies a wholly subordinate position without proper influence in his own subject.

The Parliamentary Secretary of the Board of Trade commended the conduct of the Trades Union Congress and explained that the Government had acted strictly in accordance with precedent in nominating delegates; he expressed some regret that the action of the British Government had not been challenged by the British shipowners themselves, instead of through the mouthpiece of foreign delegates.

The best part of a week was wasted by the attitude of the shipowners; and in the end the strike ended and they returned to work after the Conference had adopted an amiable resolution hoping that a way would be found to prevent such trouble occurring again.

The British shipowners, however, still had no delegate at the Conference, although their usual delegate is said to have been at Geneva all the time. Perhaps their official absence does not matter very much. The most burning topic discussed by the Conference was regulation of hours of work at sea. It is true that the Conference had not taken any decision on the subject but only to decide what questions should be asked of the Governments in order to get their views

about the matter; it was already known that the British shipowners so strongly opposed any international regulation of hours of work at sea that they did not even want the Governments to be given an opportunity to say that they share, or do not share, that view.

NEWS IN BRIEF

A pianoforte recital by the pupils of Mrs. Suter will be held in St. Andrews Hall, Kowloon, on Monday, December 16, at 5 p.m.

Mr. E. C. Thomas of the Diocesan Boys' School will give a lantern lecture at the St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club on Monday, next at 8.30 p.m. on "A Journey through Yunnan to the Yangtze." The lecture is open to all.

Our Canton correspondent states that the second performance of "Lord Richard in the Pantry," which was postponed on November 24, owing to sickness, will take place to-morrow (Saturday). There is a first-class booking.

The N.Y.K. forward to the "China Mail" half a dozen souvenir postcards, in attractive colours, of the new motor liner "Asama Maru." A very acceptable collection!

Notice has been given to the Registrar of the forthcoming marriage of Mr. Eduardo Augusto Matto, clerk, No. 721, Nathan Road, Kowloon, to Miss Lucia Maria Lai, clerk, No. 3, Shelley Street, Hong Kong.

According to a report made to the Water Police yesterday, a "boy" employed by Mr. Alexander Santokchis, hair dresser, residing at No. 37, Punjab Buildings, Granville Road, Kowloon, has absconded with various articles of jewellery and an American \$10 gold coin, to the total value of \$108, the property of his master.

The forthcoming marriage is announced of Mr. Francis Brett, Overseer, Public Works Department, residing at 5, United Terrace, Homantin, to Miss Charlotte Josephine Bearwolf, teacher, of the Italian Convent; Dr. Au King, M.B., B.S., residing at 41, Kai Yan Road, Kowloon City, to Miss Wong Man-ying, residing at 38C, Bonham Road; Dr. Edward Wickham Jueyow Sun, M.B., B.S., of 4, Babbington Path to Miss Constance Mary Quan, of 33, Kowloon Tong.

The "China Mail" has received from Messrs. Theo. Cook & Sons a fine pictorial calendar for 1930 published by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. There is a splendidly coloured picture of one of the powerful trains, which is aptly styled the "servant of the nation's industry." There is a colourful vision of the resources of America, its factories and mills, mines and workshops, banks and office buildings, farms and granaries and dairies. In the foreground is a striking picture of one of the leaders of the Pennsylvania Fleet typifying the vast system which more than any other has transported the men and materials for the upbuilding of the nation.

A MOTORIST IN AMERICA

BY MONTAGUE SMITH

THERE is a story current of a New York taxicab driver whose nerve gave way when driving in London owing to the loneliness of the Strand.

This is not so difficult to believe if one stands in Fifth-avenue about five o'clock in the evening, for whatever Londoners may think, traffic congestion there is only in its infancy compared with New York. I completed a journey of less than three miles in an hour and ten minutes, and this is the usual experience.

The common system of traffic control in all large American cities is by light signals automatically changing at fixed intervals from red to green and vice versa, such as may be seen in Exeter, Newcastle, and some other places in England. Down New York's long avenues the lights change simultaneously, so that for miles ahead you may see a vista of red or green on the tall signal standards.

The cross-streets are all one-way traffic routes, north along one street, south along another, and so on alternately.

Excellent as this plan may appear in theory, it does not work out well in practice, the chief objection to it being the fact that traffic is often held up quite unnecessarily, especially at night-time; and when an intelligent human controller would open the way for cars to pass they are now prevented for several minutes from crossing an empty street.

Progression in the avenues is by a series of short spurts at 50 miles an hour, followed by long waits at the traffic blocks.

Parking is probably the most fruitful cause of congestion. It is allowed in American cities to an extent that would make a London policeman weep. An uninterrupted line of cars on each side of the cross-streets in New York reduces the traffic way by half or even two-thirds. These obstructive cars seem to remain there all day and even all night.

In Washington I saw many thousands of private cars left out all night in the residential streets. One

friend told me he had not put his car in a garage for six months. There are elaborate locking devices on these cars, but their safety in general is probably due to the cheapness of second-hand cars, which makes their theft not worth while. Several of a well-known American make were disposed outside a dealer's store with the legend: "Eighty dollars (£16) each. Pay and drive away."

The best petrol for private use costs about 22 cents (11d.) a gallon [the American gallon is slightly smaller than ours—960] in the Eastern States. Taxicab drivers get theirs for 18 cents (9d.). Taxicab fares are 15 cents (7½d.) for the first quarter-mile and 5 cents (2½d.) for each subsequent quarter.

An excellent police rule insists that a licence showing the authentic portrait of the driver shall be displayed conspicuously in each cab. Passengers are asked to call a policeman at once if the portrait does not tally with the driver. Englishmen, remembering all they have read about bandits, make careful comparisons.

Large motor-coaches of the kind so common in England are almost unknown in the United States. There are a few on regular long-distance runs, such as New York-Chicago, stopping overnight at intermediate places.

There are two American ideas which most motorists would like to see adopted in England. One is the system of illuminating refugees at street level by means of red lights behind thick glass kerbs. The other is the police method of dealing with minor offences.

In Washington some friends at whose house I had been dining came out to find on their car a notice pasted saying, in effect: "You have broken City Ordinance No. 234. Report at once at the nearest police station." They did so, found the offence was obstruction, for which there was a regular tariff fine, paid it, obtained a proper receipt, and drove away. This at any rate, is much quicker than the English procedure.

TEN YEARS AGO

[From the "China Mail"
December 6, 1919.]

To-day's dollar is worth 5/- 14d.

Strikes are not new to Hong Kong. Way back in 1844 there was a strike, when "on October 30 there was a universal suspension of all forms of Chinese labour. The shops and markets were shut, cargo boats, coolies, domestic servants, all went on strike and all business was at a standstill."

It is interesting to note that the trouble was something very like our modern Registration of Persons Ordinance, which the modern citizen (presumably having less self-respect) has taken lying down. The "China Mail" is the only one that has clamoured for its abolition.

MEN, WOMEN, AND AFFAIRS

The Shadow Cabinet: Rear-Admiral Beamish: A Fireworks Revival: Professional Starvation: What's In A Name

A New Committee

MR. Baldwin's decision to form a new consultative committee of his party, over which he will preside at regular weekly meetings, has been warmly welcomed by the rank and file, particularly because it sounds the death knell of the Shadow Cabinet as the arbiter of Conservative policy in opposition.

The immediate result will be to bring the leader into regular personal contact with many members of his party in a way which has not been possible in the past. Mr. Baldwin has been compelled to rely on the advice of his "ex-Ministers," coupled with such indication of party feeling as could be conveyed to him by the Whips. Now he will learn what the rank and file are thinking from their chosen spokesmen.

Rear-Admiral Beamish

HIS new committee will be composed of the chairman and the deputy chairman of the party committees appointed to deal with particular subjects. As such it will include such newcomers to the party council as Rear-Admiral Beamish, Sir John Withers, Colonel Fremantle, Colonel Clifton Brown, Major Oliver Stanley, and Sir Hilton Young. It is interesting to note that while some of the former Cabinet Ministers, such as Lord Eustace Percy, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, Mr. Winston Churchill, and Sir Austen Chamberlain, have been elected chairman of

the committees dealing with the matters for which they were responsible when in office, there are also one or two notable absences.

Lord Stanley, not Mr. L. S. Amery, has been elected as representative for Empire Affairs; not Mr. Walter Guinness, but Sir Douglas Newton, assisted by Lord Hartington, will represent the party view of agriculture and so forth.

Mr. Baldwin will, of course, continue to hold private consultations with one or other of his ex-Ministers, but the idea prevalent in the rank and file that the party destinies were still to be controlled exclusively by members of the old Cabinet should now be effectually exploded.

Fireworks Revival

THE display in the shops of fireworks in Britain is far greater than has been seen for some years. Fireworks of another and less agreeable kind put a stop to the manufacture of them during the war, and for some time after the Armistice pyrotechnical displays on the home front were regarded as rather an anti-climax.

Now the pendulum has swung. Shop windows have a tempting selection of Catherine wheels, Roman candles, rockets, squibs, Chinese crackers, and so forth, and many suburban gardens (where rehearsals have been in progress for weeks past) will be the reverse of peaceful.

The Decay of Fasting

PROFESSIONAL starvation is an odd way of earning one's bread and butter. Sacco, the famous fast-ing man, whose death is not his friends' declaration, due to his long abstinence from food, did not seem to mind.

I once had a talk with him when he was just starting on one of his feats.

"I do not feel any craving for food," he said, "except for about two days after the last fortnight. Then I usually long for onions in any form—onion soup, Irish stew, and, above all, stewed steak with plenty of onions and carrots."

"When the fast is over I do not crave these foods at all, which is lucky, for I should not be allowed to have them."

The fasting business is not what it was, for the public prefers greater thrills than watching a thin man in a glass case.

Not many months ago a professional starver appeared before the magistrates in a state of destitution. He was starving because no one was interested in seeing him starve.

In Letters of Fire

EVERY aspiring dramatist is supposed to dream of the day when he will see his name picked out in electric lights across the facade of a theatre, but very few even among the successful playwrights ever achieve this ambition. Only, in exceptional cases do authors receive the compliment of being considered more of a "draw" than the actors who interpret them. It is remarkable, therefore, that at the present moment at three theatres standing side by side in Shaftesbury Avenue you will find the author's name in the place of honour. Bernard Shaw, at the Queen's and Sean O'Casey, at the Apollo, may read their names in letters of fire. The Globe, which stands between them, does not go in for "electricity," but has used a considerable amount of paint to advertise that its play is by Frederick Bonnard.

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PRINCE BULOW'S MEMOIRS

CHANGED OPINIONS ABOUT THE WAR

EARLY PUBLICATION

The memoirs of Prince Bulow, which are awaited with the deepest interest in Germany, appear to be remarkable from more than one point of view.

The Prince began them in 1921, and finished them in 1927, although he made alterations until very shortly before his death. He changed in their entirety the first draft of the passages dealing with the question of Germany's collapse at the end of the war and the reasons that brought it about, since subsequent events caused him to modify his opinions. This is of as much importance to students of German politics as his complete revision of the first account he wrote down of his dealings with Prince Eulenberg and the Berlin background to events in those days.

The strictest injunctions have been left that nobody is to make even the slightest alteration in this text, nor may publication begin till three months after his death. Readers of memoirs with literary tastes will be interested to hear that he took Horace as his model and spent many hours in polishing his sentences and verifying the quotations in which he delighted.

Among the instructions, facsimile documents, and photographs he left for inclusion is the only portrait known to exist of the famous Geheimrat Hofstein, the man behind the scenes in the German Foreign Office during the most eventful years of the past era: it was given to his only woman friend, and handed over by her later to the Prince. Among the letters the most interesting is probably the signed confidential one written by Pope Benedict XV. to Prince Bulow in the winter of 1915, during his mission to Rome: the contents have never been made public.

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THE NEW BRANCH

Harbin, Nov. 15.
The Commercial Agency of the Chinese Eastern Railway at Dairen is much in the limelight just now. The Soviet manager of this Agency was dismissed by the Railway Administration, so the man wired to Moscow for instructions. The answer was that he should remain at his post, and as Dairen is Japanese territory he cannot be turned out by the Chinese, without sanction of the Japanese. All the Chinese in this office have left, but the Russian employees remain and carry on the business, though an official announcement has been made that the manager has been dismissed and the office closed and that the C.E.R. will not be responsible for any transactions taking place after the manager's dismissal.

The same thing happened in Mukden where the Agency office was located in the Japanese concession. The C. E. R. have now opened another office in Chinese territory under a Chinese manager, and it is possible that the same thing will be done in Dairen.

C.E.R. Link to Kirin Line
Work on the branch C. E. R. line at Kuanchengtz (Changchun) which will link up this railway with the Kirin line, is now being pushed forward, even though of a temporary nature, the permanent branch will be built in the spring. There was a hitch, some little time back as the Japanese insisted that a part of the line was to pass through Japanese territory and objected. The original survey has now been changed. The object of this line is principally for military convenience, for hitherto troops sent from Kirin to the C. E. R. and vice-versa have not been allowed to pass through the Japanese Railway concession armed. The gauge of the new branch which is about six kilometres long is the same as the C.E.R.

Father Sues His Daughter

An old Russian, who owns some little property at the station Innampo is suing his married daughter for maintenance, in the local Courts. The property in question was grabbed by the woman, sometime back, after the murder of her mother. She accused her father of the deed, and before he was proved to be innocent, had left for Poland with her husband. They, however, soon returned to Manchuria, and the husband got a position on the railway belonging to some Soviet Union. The man was dismissed the service on account of his bolshevik tendency and is now in the concentration camp. All this has come to the knowledge of the father, who is now without means, and who demands that his daughter who is here shall pay a certain sum for his maintenance. He is willing that his daughter should have the property as he has not other offspring.

THE NEWEST ART

"Surrealistic" Painting At Zurich

The exhibition of "Abstract and Surrealistic Painting and Drawing," at the Zurich "Kunsthaus" is the first of its kind and may rightly be called unique. It comprises one hundred and fifty works exhibited by forty artists, coming from various European countries and North and South America. They are all inspired by the same ideal: to deliver art from all personal and accidental accessories and from all traditional forms and styles. There are very few paintings in which you can recognise anything familiar. You see three bronze cylinders meeting at the same spot; you think it is some part of a machine; but it is the abstract "Torus" by the Roumanian Constantin Brancusi. Another piece looks like some problem in descriptive geometry: it is the "Painture Pure," by the Dutchman, Theo van Doesburg.

Some of the titles are surprising. You see some fragments of a shell and discover in the catalogue that it is a "Pierrot's mandoline" by the Polish Jacques Lipchitz. Others even refrain from titles: the Swiss Otto Meyer, numbers his works as a musician would number his compositions; and the German Josef Albers, gives such weird descriptions as "Violet 22/8." Instead of paint, the Frenchman Henri Alb. puts pieces of stick on his canvas, and the countryman Francis Rabat, pieces of straw. But the strangest of all these strange works are those by Pablo Picasso, a Spaniard, and Kurt Schwitters, a German, who use bits of newspaper, tin cans, straw, sticks, and other odd scraps of paper, rather than paint or ink.

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CIVIL WAR THREAT

Danger Overcome By Persistence

Vienna, Yesterday.
Chiefly owing to the ability and persistence of the Chancellor, Herr Schöner, the longdrawn dispute between Socialists and Nationalists in regard to the reform of the Austrian constitution, which threatened to end in civil war, has been terminated with a peaceful compromise by the Parliamentary Sub-Committee, which it is anticipated that the National Council would adopt.—Reuter.

MANCHURIAN WAR

America Satisfied With Its Efforts

Washington, Yesterday.
Mr. H. L. Stimson expressed the opinion that so far as the United States are concerned, the Chinese and Soviet affair has closed. Its efforts, combined with those of other Powers to arrest hostilities, had been successful and hopes for peace were bright.—Reuter's American Service.

U.S. PROSPERITY

"Keep Labour Busy," Says Mr. Hoover

Washington, Yesterday.
To keep labour busy and high business prosperity was the Government's aim, declared Mr. Hoover, addressing 400 delegates, representing nearly all branches of American industry, at a conference, the immediate object of which is to create a permanent organisation to co-operate with the Department of Commerce.—Reuter's American Service.

HEROIC STATESMEN

French Chamber To Sit On Sundays

Paris, Yesterday.
The Government have adopted heroic measures to deal with Parliamentary congestion and submitted as a motion of confidence that the Chamber sit three days, including Sundays, until the Budget is passed. The motion was adopted by 350 votes to 142.—Reuter.

STERILISATION

At Graz, the capital of Styria, Professor Hermann Schmorcz, a leading Austrian surgeon, was used for practising a new method of operation. He claimed to be able to sterilise men without any serious after-effects. Professor Schmorcz, who refused to appear before the Court, was found guilty and sentenced to a fine of \$450 or imprisonment. Witnesses stated that the operations were performed for urgent social reasons. Professor Schmorcz refuses to give the authorities any details concerning the operation, which he looks upon as a medical secret. The Social Democrats, to whose organisation Professor Schmorcz belongs, assert that he has been prosecuted for political reasons.

Brown: What guarantees will you give for the loan?

Jones: The word of an honest man.

Brown: Go and get the honest man, and I will give you the money.

Shoeman: Nineteen for that, don't sir.

Customer: Goodness! It's gone up, hasn't it?

Shoeman: Yes, sir, it's selling.

Binks: Well, how do you find it, of late?

Binks: Oh, all up and down.

Binks: In that way?

Binks: Yes, it's work on a lift.

Man in water: Help! Help! I can't swim.

Callous man on wharf: Well, now's as good a time as any to learn.

SALZBURG FESTIVAL

A Jubilee Programme

Vienna.—The new Committee of the Salzburg Festival has resolved to hold a "Jubilee Festival" next summer, ten years after Max Reinhardt performed Hugo Hofmannsthal's "Everyman" for the first time in front of the Salzburg Cathedral. A special programme will be arranged and the Festival will last ten days longer than usual, from July 27 to August 31.

The premiere of Richard Strauss's new opera, "Arabella," conducted by Clemens Krauss, the director of the Vienna State Opera, will be one of the chief attractions. "Arabella" it will be remembered, was the last libretto written by Hofmannsthal. "Elektra" will also be performed under the baton of Krauss.

Other operas to be produced at the Festival will be Mozart's "Figaro," "The Magic Flute," and Richard Strauss's "Rose-Cavalier," conducted by Krauss. Bruno Walter will produce the new mise-en-scene of an opera by Gluck—either "Orpheus" or "Iphigenia"; and Donizetti's "Don Pasquale." Mozart's "Don Juan" and Beethoven's "Fidelio" are to be performed under Franz Schalk.

Director Krauss has been invited by Americans to hold an international course for conducting during the Festival.

THE DRAMA

New Theatre For Constantinople

Constantinople.—A theatre and a conservatoire, which are to rival those existing in other European countries, both with regard to elegance and to scenic equipment, will shortly be built at Constantinople. The contract has already been signed between the Constantinople Municipality and a German firm. The building will not be erected in the Turkish quarter of Stambul, but in the more cosmopolitan quarter of Pera; near the place where already stands the monument of the Republic, the work of the Italian sculptor Canonica.

The theatre will especially be the seat of the Turkish National Theatrical Company, which is endeavouring to spread the taste of dramatic art throughout Turkey, and present to a very large extent, plays taken from foreign literature. The erection of the building entails an important sacrifice on the part of the Constantinople Municipality. The management of the theatre also will have to be largely subsidised, as owing to the small number of regular spectators among the Turks, it cannot be expected to work at present on a paying basis.

SPIRITUALISTIC MISSION

SIR A. CONAN DOYLE IN STOCKHOLM

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle has arrived in Stockholm on his spiritualistic mission throughout the world, and has been greeted with great respect and sympathy by the Swedish Press, which recalls with high appreciation his series of "Sherlock Holmes" adventures. The Stockholm concert hall was crowded for two nights when Sir Arthur lectured upon his favourite theme. One ought not to infer from this that the Swedish nation is specially bent on psychic research, but the chance of seeing the famous author in person was evidently a great attraction. Sir Arthur's honest and clear exposition of his faith was universally praised in the Press.

For the "Mithras" law sittings, the lists of appeals and cases were sent of 213, compared with 212 for the corresponding sitting last year. That is 800 hits for divorce.

Wife: "I think a bear's a burglar. Are you aware?"
Husband: No.

Sport Columns

LOCAL GOSSIP ON FOOTBALL

LAI WAH CUP CONTEST SURPRISE

WEEK'S FIXTURES REVIEWED

[By "Roamer"]

Well done "Civilians" for your victory over the "Chinese" in the Lai Wah Cup Match was a triumph of the season. Faith in the "Chinese" just fell short of realisation, the consensus of opinion being that the narrow margin of one goal was the likely verdict in their favour upon the conclusion of play on the Club Ground.

That the two elevens were well matched there is no doubt, a big task having been successfully accomplished by the respective selection committees. Surprise must, however, be expressed at the absence of Ip Pak-wa as partner to Suen Kam-shun. The play was so full of incident as to make it a difficult matter to gossip over the main features.

From my notes, by awarding points to each piece of good work, the honours were decidedly even for the first half, with Rodger and Pau Ka-ping masters of their charges. Soon after the resumption Suen Kam-shun came very near to success with Hedley the spoiler, play being dinged until A. Gosano's shot found its berth. Wong Pak-chong, who is usually very nippy, lost a splendid chance by not driving a fraction of a second earlier to level up. "He who hesitates is lost" can be emphasized here and it was a "let off" for the "Civilians." Scott beating Pau Ka-ping as the result of some good combination with McKelvie in the picture was well deserved, and a further goal should have been scored a little later when the latter player hit the cross-bar with the goal at his mercy. Wong Pak-chong and Suen Kam-shun were combining well and that long shot of Suen's fully earned the point.

Excitement at Zenith

Having tasted success it was plain to see that the "Chinese" were determined to get on terms, Wong Pak-chong rounding off by a good shot. Could a football fan wish for more as the grand finale. With matters equal, both in scores and talent, excitement was at its zenith until A. Gosano put his side ahead and secured the victory. Five times the ball had entered the nets, each and all being good clean shots without the vestige of a fluke in any of them. We are now faced with the problem "Army" versus "Civilians" for the Cup holders for 1930. Both are old hands in this contest, so it is now a question of will the Army draw level in the honours? To-morrow week will decide!

R.A. v. Somersets

A very interesting game was seen on the Kowloon Ground, the R.A. meeting the Somersets there in a Senior League fixture. With the first half blank, due to sound defences, there was little to choose between the elevens. After the five minutes' rest the Gunners were unlucky not to have been one up, Cawley saving in the nick of time from the goal-line. This was followed by good work by the "Sets" left wing, Guest making a splendid drive out of Fletcher's reach. Butcher had been well in the picture and it was a fitting reward to score his side's second goal. The "Sets" gained the victory as was expected and are now only a point off the League leaders with three games in hand.

With the Juniors

Other than the Somersets just failing to get the winning goal, due to a depleted side in the second half, all results were as predicted. The Navy gave their opponents a severe thrashing, Kowloon being completely mastered. To a lesser degree St. Joseph's almost did as they liked with the Club, Sansom being well on the target with the "hat trick" to his credit. The

Septs won, it is true, but for a team with double figure honours for one match this season their poor effort over the lowly Ewo is convincing proof of their falling form.

The pace set by South China "A" was terrific and Eastern's defence did well to hold them for the first half. The inevitable happened. South China "A" penetrating three times to improve their splendid goal average of nearly ten to one. Chinese "A" gathered two more points, this time at the expense of the "Medicals". The R.A.M.C. put up a good fight, but the strength of the opposition was a little too much. Chinese "A" record to date shows that they are only one point behind South China "A" on an equal number of games played. With ground advantage the Recreio snatched a point from Chinese "B" and with a little more luck it might have been both.

To-morrow's Games

The Stadium is likely to be the draw to-morrow. Being at home to South China should enable the Athletic to hold the opposition and snatch a goal for victory. Points are likely to be shared by St. Joseph's and the Club, while clean cut victories should be forthcoming from the R.A. and Somersets. After witnessing the display against the Chinese eleven in the charity match I am inclined to look to the Police for a surprise result.

Of the Juniors the K.O.S.B. may get a shock from St. Joseph's and the Navy gaining a big margin victory over Ewo. The Chinese "A", Chinese "B" and the Somersets should overcome their respective oppositions, with the R.A.M.C. taking heart by bagging the points from Recreio. South China "A" are being called upon to show their class, with their "B" eleven and they should live up to their reputation.

Full programmes and League tables to date are appended.

Division I (3.45 p.m.)

Chinese v. South China, The Stadium.
R.A. v. Recreio, Sookumpoo.
St. Joseph's v. Club, Club Ground.
Somersets v. Kowloon, Chatham Road (or Kowloon) Ground.
Navy v. Police, Caroline Hill.

Division II (2.30 p.m.)

K.O.S.B. v. St. Joseph's, Chinese Ground, Happy Valley.
R.A. v. Chinese "A", Sookumpoo.
Kowloon v. Somersets, Kowloon F.C. Ground.
Ewo v. Navy, St. Joseph's Ground, Happy Valley.
R.A.M.C. v. Recreio, Navy Ground, Happy Valley.
South China "B" v. South China "A", Caroline Hill.
Chinese "B" v. Eastern, The Stadium.

Division I	Goals.	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
K.O.S.B.	11	5	4	2	17	8	14	
Somersets	8	8	1	1	17	5	13	
Athletic	7	5	1	1	17	4	11	
South China	7	5	0	2	13	6	10	
Navy	8	4	2	2	13	14	10	
Kowloon	7	3	3	1	10	6	9	
R.A.	8	4	1	3	15	11	9	
Club	7	1	2	4	7	14	4	
Recreio	7	1	5	7	18	3		
St. Joseph's	8	1	0	7	7	28	2	
Police	8	0	1	7	8	25	1	

Division II	Goals.	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
K.O.S.B.	17	14	0	3	65	14	23	
S. China "A"	8	7	1	0	32	3	15	
Navy	10	6	3	1	30	7	15	
Somersets	13	6	3	4	33	22	15	
Chinese "A"	7	5	0	1	23	9	14	
Chinese "B"	8	4	2	2	16	10	10	
St. Joseph's	9	4	2	3	24	22	10	
Kowloon	9	4	1	4	18	23	9	
R.A.	11	3	2	6	17	25	8	
Eastern	8	3	1	4	13	18	7	
S. China "B"	9	2	1	6	16	30	6	
University	7	2	1	4	10	21	6	
Recreio	9	1	3	5	9	34	5	
R.A.M.C.	12	1	1	10	12	40		
Club	8	1	1	6	6	34	3	
Ewo	8	0	2	6	8	24	2	

TEAMS FOR TO-MORROW

The following players have been selected to represent the Hong Kong Football Club versus St. Joseph's on the Club ground:—

Rodger; Wallington; Holmes; Gilchrist; Stewart; Watson; Alexander; Davies; Reid; Railton and Trambitaky.

K.F.C. Teams for To-morrow

The following team has been selected to represent the Kowloon F.C. first eleven against the Somersets on the home ground to-morrow:—

Angus; Gillet, C. Fife; Hedley, Downman, Bliss; Fife, Gallaher, Moss, McKelvie (Captain) and Miles. Reserves—Simpson and Herbert.

The following team has been selected to represent the Kowloon second eleven against the Somersets 2nd team on the home ground to-morrow:—

Angus (Jr.); Guest, Hast (Captain); Moore, Easterbrook, Dunnett; Eastman, Hamman, Nicholls, Coates and Bickford. Reserves—Seddon, Herbert and Hawke.

SHAMEEN FOOTBALL

Shameen Draw With "Tarantula"

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, Yesterday. Yesterday, in a very festive game, Shameen drew with H.M.S. "Tarantula", there being no goals scored.

The "Tarantula" did most of the pressing but were weak in front of and hardly ever dangerous. Lay played a good game in goal for Shameen running out and clearing well. Shameen, on the other hand, though they cer-

ENGLISH CUP

York And Coventry Get Through

Two more undecided ties in the first round proper of the English Cup were replayed yesterday, both reaching a definite conclusion.

On their own ground, Tranmere lost to York City by the only goal scored. In the second round on December 14, York will visit Southend. Coventry received Norwich and won by two goals to nil, says Reuter.

Coventry will again appear before their own supporters on Saturday week, when both will furnish the opposition.

tainly did not have the best of the game, were dangerous several times and it was due to some very good goal-keeping by Bagshaw that they did not score.

Play was scrappy on the whole. Shameen missed Friessner and Rasmussen at half, both of whom are in training for the Interport Rowing Regatta against Hong Kong on December 14. The "Tarantula", with a little less selfishness in the centre of the forward line, would stand a fair-



Sarah Palfrey (right), hailed as Helen Wills's successor by the tennis champion herself, is seen here with her instructor, Hazel H. Wightman, a former champion and Sarah's teacher.

GOALKEEPER FROM HONG KONG

PRaise FOR A MASTER'S SON

G. G. EDWARDS

The London "Morning Post" of October 16, contains the following about a Hong Kong boy at Cambridge, G. G. Edwards, son of Mr. E. J. Edwards, head master of the Wanchai English School.

"The form shown in the Freshman's trial to-day was most encouraging, the sides being well matched and the game being maintained at a smart pace. The shooting of some of the inside forwards might have had better direction at times, and occasionally more power was needed; but as a whole it gave a good test to the goal-keepers, of whom G. G. Edwards, from Hong Kong, soon established himself in favour.

"Well over six feet in height and sturdily built, Edwards dealt with a number of shots, particularly in the second half, and undoubtedly saved his side from defeat. Another success was W. H. Webster (Highgate), a tall, speedy outside left wing forward, who controlled the ball well and centred accurately. A little more effective support from his inside players in front of goal might have led up to a bigger score. In the pivotal position of centre half-back both A. L. Stock (Charterhouse) and G. A. R. Green (Shrewsbury) got through a lot of sound work and were constantly attracting attention.

"The game resulted in a win for Colours by two goals to one, E. Shaw obtaining their first point five minutes from the start. L. J. Cohen equalised midway through the first half by shooting into an open goal after Edwards had punched off a cross shot from the opposite wing and gone down at full length in the effort. Colours got their winning goal in the second half when A. O. Webber sent in a long shot which just got in under the cross-bar."

chance for the League, as their defence is sound.

Shameen:—Lay; Prata, Nogatzik; Lock, Montalto, Shekury; Duncan, Wahab, Lammert, Linaker, and Evelyn. Tarantula:—Bagshaw; Leeds, Driscoll; Abbott, Smith, Robinson; McKinn, Annis, Cunningham, Stone-man, and Miller.

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RUGBY FOOTBALL

Club "A" Beat Cornwall Second Fifteen

As a reply to the Cornwall's victory over the Club First "XV" last week, the Club "A" managed to beat a second team from the same ship yesterday evening at Happy Valley by a margin of five points, one goal and one try against one try from their opponents.

Teams: Club—Fox, Coppin, Woodman, Holmes, Skinner; Wade, Black; Henry, Sutcliffe, Laidlaw, Beaumont, Riddell (Capt.), Burnell, Peers, Butters.

Cornwall 2nd.—Stabb; Brinkworth, Waldron, Mr. Angus, Rubjohn; Davis, Porter; Lt. MacLean, S/Lt. Stigow, Callin, Penallina, Harris, Hoffmeyer, Griffiths, Masters.

HOCKEY

Inter-Club Game On Marina Ground

There will be an inter-club match, Colours v. Whites, on the Marina ground at Kowloon to-morrow, at 3.30 p.m. The teams are as follows:—

Colours.—G. E. Little, F. Cousins, P. Carter, E. O'Hagan, E. R. Bell, M. Bird, S. Browning, Mora Russell, F. Webber, A. T. Cressy, and A. E. Steele.

Whites.—A. N. Oher, E. Gray, M. Russell, M. King, M. L. Wallace, E. J. Coppin, I. C. Bell, J. L. Whyte, N. A. McNeillie, C. M. Ferguson, and E. S. Laing.

CRICKET

The following will represent the I.R.C. 1st XI in a League match against the University to-morrow at Sookumpoo at 2 p.m. (sharp):—A. A. Ramjahn (Captain), J. S. A. Currie, A. et Arcull, A. H. Madar, A. E. Minu, A. R. Minu, O. Ismail, S. A. Ismail, A. S. Lufiad, M. R. Abbas and T. Hamet.

The following will represent the "Varsity 2nd XI" in a League match against the I.R.C. to-morrow at 2 p.m. sharp on home ground:—A. A. Aziz (Captain), A. Chen Fook, K. P. Gan, G. E. Yeoh, K. T. Loke, H. E. M. Adams, A. Rodrigues, C. Candah, A. Nomanbhoy, P. L. Tan, and A. N. Oher.

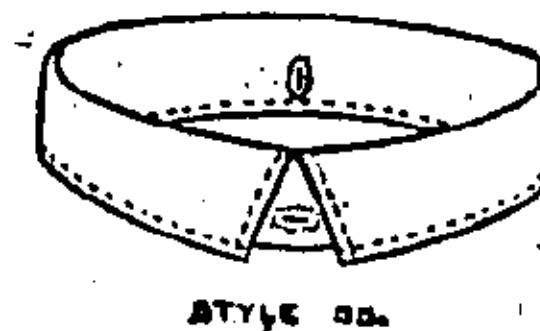
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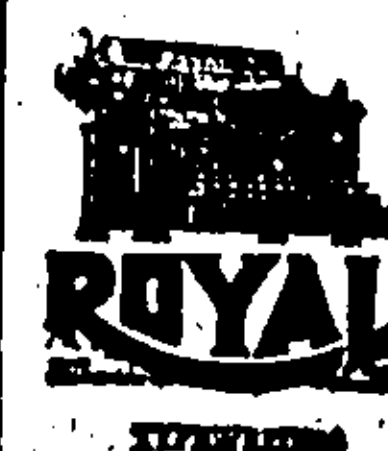
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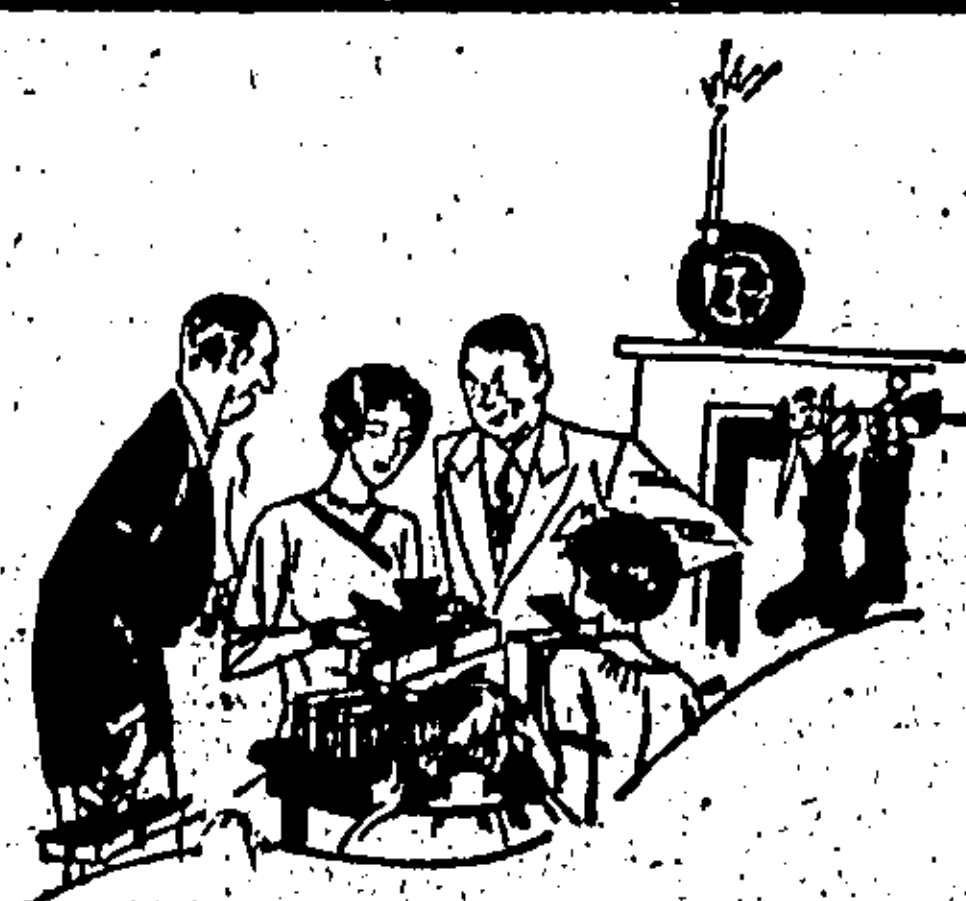
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SUFFERIN' CATS! HE SWIPED MY CLOTHES AGAIN!

World News In Pictures

To Fly "Solo"



Lady Mary Heath, noted aviatrix, who has taken up her residence in Reno, Nev., following her recovery from a nearly fatal accident at the Cleveland air meet. Her husband is a wealthy British ironmaster and colliery owner.

Speechless—Phones



Col. R. B. Marshall, who lost his voice two years ago through illness, talked 3,000 miles from Sacramento to New York to Sergius P. Grace, Assistant and Vice-President of Bell Telephone Laboratories, using an artificial larynx, recent invention of the laboratories, presented to Marshall. Grace on the other end of the line used a similar larynx, although his voice is normal.

New Prime Minister



Soviet Airmen At Seattle



Tired but happy in their accomplishment, the Russian aviators comprising the crew of the "Land of the Soviets" landed in Seattle, after their long, hard flight from their homeland. Left to right are—Dmitry V. Fufaev, mechanic; Philip E. Bolotov, second pilot; Doris V. Sterlingo, navigator; S. A. Shestakov, first pilot.

Out to Break Record



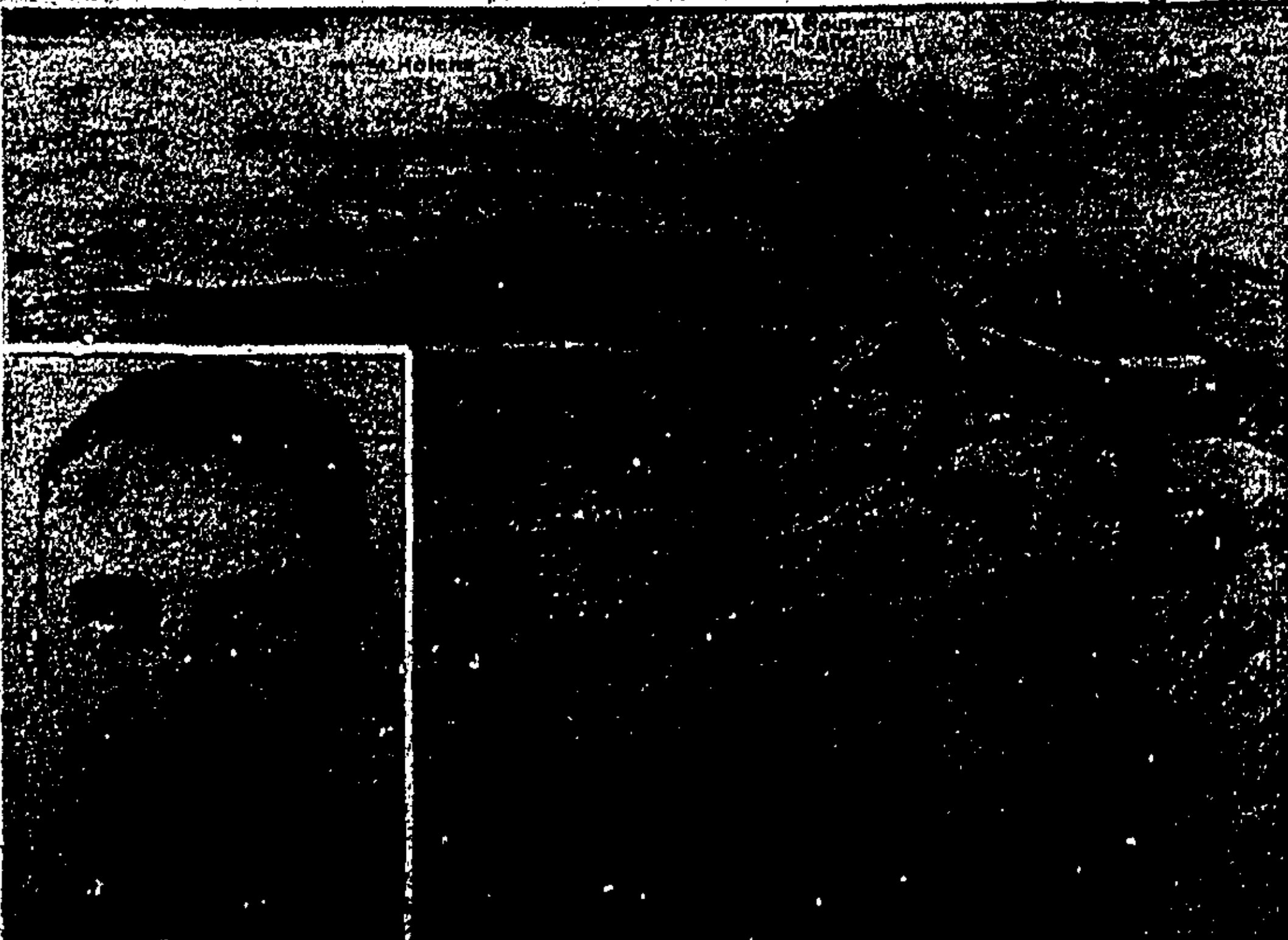
(Left to right) Elinor Smith and Bobby Trout, two of Los Angeles' most prominent women pilots who plan to make an attempt to break the record for sustained flight.

Gene Tunney In The Snow



Mr. and Mrs. Gene Tunney (nearest to camera) as they went sleigh riding on a snow covered road in the Swiss Alps.

Mt. Rainier From Long Distance



Lost In Alaska



Russell Merrill, Stillman pilot, who was reported lost in the Mount Spurr district of Alaska after no word was received from him for three weeks. Joe Crosson, former mail pilot and brother of Marvel Crosson, famous aviatrix who was killed in the recent Air Derby, started in search of Merrill.

Kills Aged Mate



Mrs. Laura M. Titus, 75 years old, of Summit, N.J., who killed her husband, James Titus, 78. She said he had cruelly mistreated her for ten years.

Aerial Honeymoon



Mrs. Edward J. Snyder, daughter of the French Consul General, left Seattle, when on the night of her wedding at Miami, Fla., to spend her honeymoon. Mrs. Snyder is the wife of Edward J. Snyder, a French aviator who had just returned from the Air Derby at the time of the wedding.

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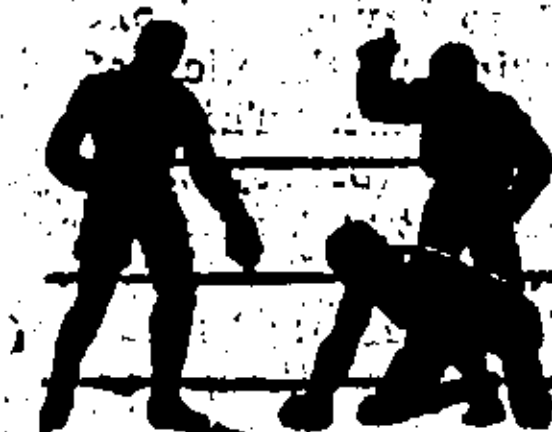
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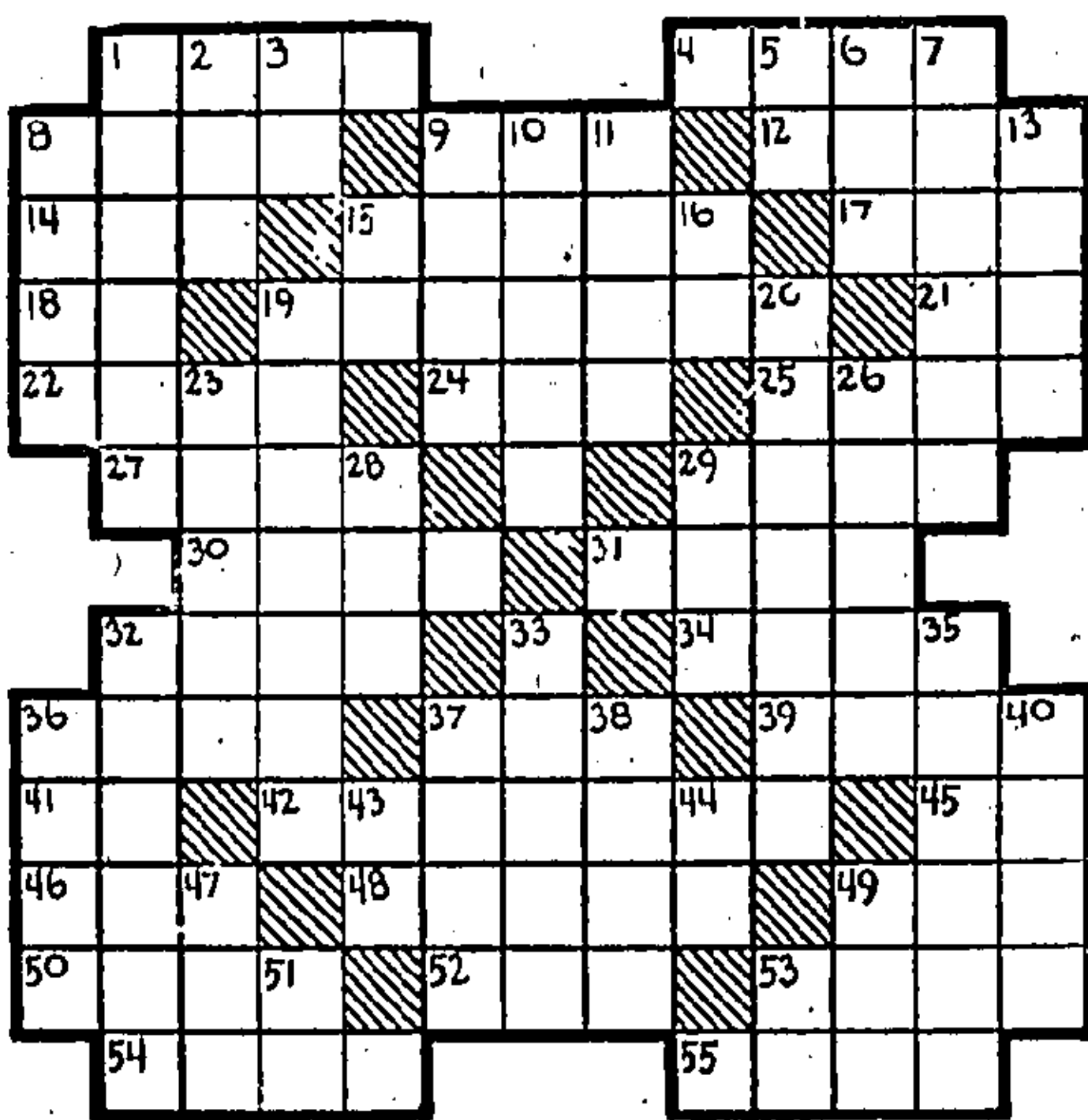
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1-To dip out, as water | 39-Ardor | 13-A golf term (pt.) |
| 4-Model | 41-Each (abbr.) | 15-A liquid measure (abbr.) |
| 8-A Swiss canton | 42-Tanned hide of an animal | 16-Twelfth letter in Greek alphabet |
| 9-Site of Royal Botanical Gardens | 43-Excuse | 19-More than one |
| 12-Part of a plant | 44-Bustle | 20-Navigator |
| 14-Before | 47-A king of Thebes (Gr. Myth.) | 23-Mad |
| 15-Last King of Troy (Gr. legend) | 48-A child's pet | 25-Any channel |
| 17-Diminutive-forming suffix | 50-Small depression | 28-Consumes |
| 18-North Latitude (abbr.) | 52-Skill | 29-A beverage |
| 19-Arena for games | 53-Identical | 32-Crown |
| 21-Pronoun | 54-Humble | 33-Harshly |
| 22-Patigue | 55-Touchy | 35-Madam (French form) |
| 23-Lazy fabric | | 36-To move in advance of |
| 25-High card (pt.) | VERTICAL | 37-Feminine name |
| 27-Hub of a wheel | 1-Capital of Prussia and Germany | 38-A unit used in illumination |
| 29-A vehicle (Eng.) | 2-Exit | 40-Observe |
| 30-A ray of light | 3-Within | 43-Prefix. From 64-Printer's measure |
| 31-Restraint | 4-Conjunction | 47-A unit |
| 32-Refuse | 5-A card game | 49-Vehicle |
| 34-Kingdom in S. E. Asia | 7-A megalithic sepulchral monument | 51-Topographical Engineer (abbr.) |
| 36-Girl's name | 8-Crooked | 53-Very |
| 37-The liquid juice of plants | 9-A Persian coin | |
| | 10-A large sea-duck | |
| | 11-Delay | |

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

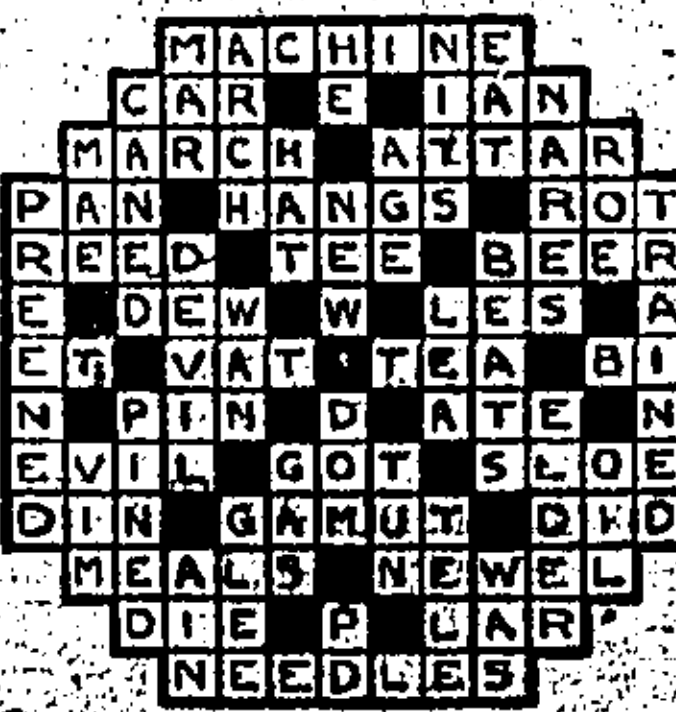
STANDARD TIMES

Sunrise and Sunset in Colony

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong for December (Standard time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich), are as follows:—

December	a.m.	p.m.
6	6.50	5.59
7	6.50	5.59
8	6.51	5.59
9	6.52	5.59
10	6.52	5.40
11	6.53	5.40
12	6.53	5.40
13	6.54	5.40
14	6.54	5.41
15	6.55	5.41
16	6.55	5.41
17	6.56	5.42
18	6.57	5.42
19	6.57	5.42
20	6.58	5.42

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



	a.m.	p.m.
21	6.53	5.44
22	6.59	5.44
23	6.59	5.45
24	7.00	5.45
25	7.00	5.45
26	7.01	5.45
27	7.02	5.47
28	7.03	5.48
29	7.05	5.48
30	7.06	5.48
31	7.07	5.48

Behind the Scenes in Hollywood

CLARA BOW AND HER BEAU

(By Dorothy Herzog)

Hollywood, October 16. Bumped into Clara Bow at ye Famous plant. Clara, with her reddish locks curled harum scarumly, and quite long, too. The locks, of course, in her next flick, "Station CXY" (letters subject to challenge), Clara's going to have long hair, or semi-long, which may or may not be a hirsute item.

Her trip abroad has been postponed until December. She won't marry Harry Richman until her return to the U.S.A. At this penning, it is very possible that the marriage will materialize. Clara thinks the world of this Richman boy. Says he isn't at all selfish. Always thinking of her, bringing her flowers and whatnots. Thoughtful. Quite unusual in Hollywood, where the male element, for the most part, consider their presence sufficient to capitalise hospitality to the nth degree.

Should Harry's initial "talky" meet with popular approval and result in his movies as a business, his marriage to Clara will not interfere with her career, though he wants her to give up pictures when she becomes Mrs. Richman. Should he, on the other hand, return to New York and the stage and his night club, 'tis likely Clara, as R. will depart from Hollywood and make her residence in Manhattan.

At all events, there's the situation. Clara looks better than this scribbler has seen her in many a day. She has lost weight, too. Takes strenuous exercises every morn. Setting up. Boxing. Steam baths. Ambitious, I call it.



Blanche Sweet, well-known film actress, obtained a divorce from her equally prominent actor husband, Marshall Neilan, on the ground of "cruelty." It is understood that a property settlement was made out of Court.

CORRINE GRIFFITHS AND A DOG

Whilst at Malibu, Corinne Griffith was visited by an enormous Canine that decided to adopt her. The decision was mutual. 'Twas a very dirty dog, sort of a cross between a Collie and a Big Dane. So dirty, indeed, that the servants balked at giving it a bath. Corinne sent it to the dog cleaner. That cost seven bucks. But did the job, for the animal revealed itself quite a shaggy old fellow. Its appetite was in keeping with its bulk. Ate a dollar's worth of meat daily. One morn, Corinne awoke to discover the dog gone. The most Sherlock Holmes of searches cast no light on the where or how.

Corinne was disconsolate. Her husband, Walter Morosco, didn't know what to do about matters until Corinne confessed she's like a bicycle. Walter takes the car to town daily. Their other bus is in the Bev Hills' home. Should Miss Griffith decide to stroll to the Commissary up the Malibu Road a piece, she has to walk. Ergo, Walter bought her a bicycle and in the excitement of learning bike balance again, she's stopped regretting the dog. Corinne hails from Texas, so I reckon she rode a bike in the short dress age.

ON THE "MALOLO"

Some weeks ago this bureau printed dark suspicions concerning Dorothy Mackall and a "some one" in the neighbourhood of Hawaii. Through devious sources now comes alleged verifications of the suspicions. To wit: That when the Mackall traipsed to Honolulu some months ago, she met aboard ship—the "Malolo," I believe—an officer who illustrated romance. Or it may have been the moon or the balmy, salt-tanged air. Or the lovely sunsets and the lovelier nights. That's conjecture. But at all events, my informant speaks mysteriously of radiograms and telegrams exchanged 'twixt the two.

GOING STRONG

Fanny Brice is stepping along nicely with her "talkies," temporarily yelet "The Champ." She has learned all the song numbers, numbers written for her by her husband, Billy Rose. When she finishes the flick, she plans to go to New York ere beginning her next. Billy has already gone East and by now is immersed in writing the music for Marilyn Miller's new Ziegfeld show, a musical comedy version of "East is West." Before departing, however, Mr. Rose wrote three new songs for Fanny which will be incorporated in her second-United Artists film, story yet to be selected.

HONOLULU BOUND

En route to Hawaii are Virginia Valli, B. B. Warner, and Harry's small son. Virginia is going to play a five weeks' stage engagement in Honolulu, alternating between "Tar-alah" and "The Marriage Bed." Warner is going for vacation and taking his son for company.

When ship photographers discovered the two, they requested them to pose for a picture together. "Oh, no," said Miss Valli, "they might not understand in Hollywood!"

WHOOPS!

George O'Brien walked into a local haberdashery shop and requested the salesman to show him some hats. The salesman looked at him and said, "About a thirty-dollar hat?" O'Brien said, "I want it for my head."

LITTLE SOUTHERN FLIRT

MARY PICKFORD IN
"COQUETTE"

LIGHTS REPLACE VOICE

The "talkies" have silenced the megaphoned voices of screen directors and their assistants.

The hundreds of extras in the country Club and Court room scenes of Mary Pickford's all-talking picture, "Coquette," were given their voice and action directions by means of a series of light signals.

The system of lights was connected with a tiny switchboard in the hand of Bruce Humberstone, first assistant to Director Sam Taylor. By a series of flashes, the actions of both principals and extras were silently controlled. Small yellow electric bulbs were placed where they were visible to the eyes of the players but unseen by the battery of cameras.

From the moment that the electrically controlled cameras were interlocked and the sound tracks opened, no directorial voice was heard on the "Coquette" set. The famed starting signal of the silent pictures, the word "Camera" was replaced by the brisk hand clap of an assistant camera man, standing before the cameras and in range of the microphones. From that time to the end of the scene, the only directions given the actors and the technical crews were by the flashing lights.

Miss Pickford's production of "Coquette," adapted for the screen from the Broadway stage success, is showing at the Queen's Theatre. Miss Pickford, as the little southern flirt of the story, has surrounded herself with a brilliant company of players, veterans of both the foot-lights and the cameras.

"I wouldn't drink out of that cup," said little Willie to the well-dressed young visitor: "that's Lizzie's cup."

"Ah!" said the young man, as he drained the cup dry, "I feel honoured to drink out of Lizzie's cup. Lizzie is your eldest sister, is she not?"

"Well, not exactly—she's my dog."

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Letters and postcards for Europe and the British Isles are forwarded via Siberia if so superscribed.
List of vessels to be expected in wireless communication with Hong Kong Radio:—Hanges Maru, Tjisaroca, Bithina, Yuen Sang, Times Maru, Nitto Maru, Takao Maru, Tjisondari, Rawalpindi, D'Artagnan, Melko Maru, Halvard, Siamese Prince, Tilawa, Glenogle.
Information has now been received from Karachi confirming the total loss of the bag of Air-mail forwarded from Hong Kong on 4th October.

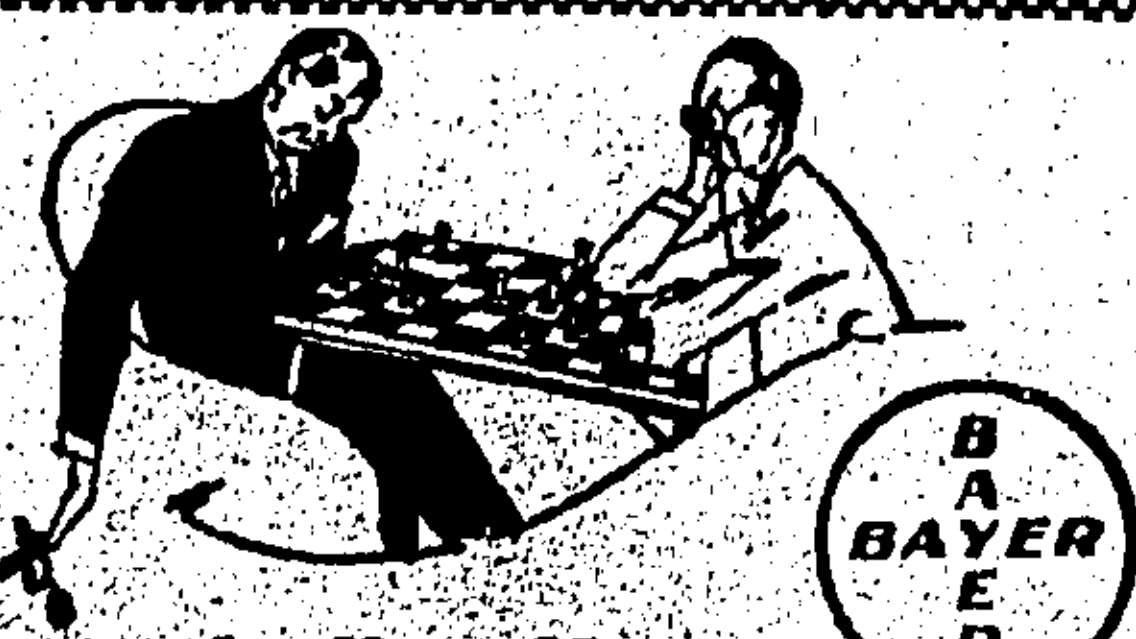
INWARD MAILS

From SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7.
Shanghai and SwatowSinkiang
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8.
StraitsHakozaki Maru

OUTWARD MAILS

For FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius,
E. & S. Africa Aden Egypt &
Europe via MarseillesRawalpindi
(Due Marseilles January 3, 1930)
K.P.O.
ParcelsDec. 6, 4.30 p.m. ParcelsDec. 6, 5 p.m.
RegistrationsDec. 7, 9 a.m. RegistrationsDec. 7, 9.45 a.m.
LettersDec. 7, 10 a.m. LettersDec. 7, 10.30 a.m.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7.
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DARING ARMED ROBBERY

WELLINGTON STREET FLAT
BURGLED

OCCUPANT GAGGED

A daring armed robbery occurred in the heart of the city last night, the victim being Cho Shan, a pork dealer of Stall No. 102 Central Market, who lives on the second floor of 102, Wellington Street, where the robbery took place.

At about 10 a.m., Cho Shan was sleeping in the front cubicle when he was awakened by some one pulling the bed-clothes from him. When he opened his eyes he saw two strange Chinese standing by the side of the bed.

They were both armed with revolvers, which they pointed at Cho Shan and ordered him to keep quiet. He was then pulled out of bed, gagged and bound, and pushed back on to the bed. The robbers searched Cho Shan and took the safe key from his pocket.

Then, throwing a blanket over Cho Shan's head, the two intruders proceeded to ransack the flat. They opened the safe and helped themselves to about \$200 in cash and broke open some drawers and boxes, from which they took jewelry worth \$193. Then they departed quietly.

It was some time before Cho Shan was able to free himself and give the alarm, but by that time the robbers had got clear away.

CHIEF JUSTICE LEAVES

His Honour the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan, C.B.E.) left Hong Kong to-day on the "Rajputana" for Shanghai, where he will sit with Sir Peter Grain, Judge of H.B.M.'s Supreme Court, in appellate jurisdiction. Sir Peter arrived here only yesterday on the "Rajputana" from Home leave and continued his voyage with Sir Henry Gollan. The latter will be absent from Hong Kong for about a fortnight.

CAPTAIN'S MONEY

Captain Edward Midgley, late master mariner of the Hong Kong steamship "Tai Lee," who died at the age of 64 in the Government Civil Hospital on August 4, 1929, left \$3,600 in this Colony.

He bequeathed all his estate to Miss Rose Emily White. His Hong Kong address was given as the St. Francis Hotel; his home town being Birkenhead. For his local estate he appointed Miss Maude Elizabeth White of No. 8, Seaview, Wanchai Gap Road, his sole executrix; and he appointed two executors to act in Britain. Probate of the will has now been granted to Miss Maude White.

In an undefended suit for divorce the Supreme Court of Victoria granted a *decree nisi* to Mrs. Zoe Pennell. The respondent, Mr. W. A. Pennell, is resident in Shanghai.

MARTIAL LAW IN HAITI

REPUBLIC OCCUPIED BY U.S. MARINES

A TEACHERS' STRIKE

Washington, Yesterday. Martial law had been proclaimed in Haiti, which at present is occupied by American Marines. It is officially believed to be the outcome of a strike of school teachers, which apparently spread in other directions. It is not clear whether Martial Law is confined to the capital, Port Au Prince, or is throughout the Republic.

It will be recalled that Mr. Hoover, in his annual message on December 3, foreshadowed the appointment of a commission to study the situation with a view to the withdrawal of the Marines.—Reuter's American Service.

Temperature, 10 a.m., to-day 62
Temperature, 4 p.m., yesterday 65
Humidity, 10 a.m., to-day 75
Humidity, 4 p.m., yesterday 54

EPIC STRUGGLE

(Continued from Page 1.)

Bay," he informed me. "Ships have also been sighted in Deep Water Bay, and it is anticipated that an attack will be launched there."

As he spoke a very light splashed into the darkness—an S.O.S. In response, the Singapore Indian battery on the hill above us let rip. "Bang!"

Nobody took very much notice of it, however. Then No. 2 battery—a fifteen pounder—gave vent to its rage.

This time somebody yawned. "Like Gallopi!" I ventured. "You bet," he said grimly.

THE LONG VIGIL
With surprising knowledge of the enemy's intentions, an officer told me that nothing much would happen until 6 a.m.

It didn't. The very light and the big guns, apparently, had merely been a "test" reply to a faint attack and landing at Taitan.

Then came the long vigil, during which I was alternately chilled to the marrow, and roasted over a friendly soldier's fire.

Walking along one of the narrow lanes, to slip off the edges of which meant a slide down cliff and scrub of 800 feet, I almost trod on the legs of a sleeping member of our volunteer mechanized army. Somebody swore at me, and I at once recognised an acquaintance. In the glowing dawn, I could distinguish the huddled figures of a section of the H.K.V. machine gun corps. They were lying on their great coats, on the ground, shivering or sleeping.

THE BIG CRASH
We were discussing the "war," mentioning, among other things, the probability of its being a

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New York, Yesterday. Before leaving for Florida Mr. Thomas Edison said that while the "Golden Rod" was found to be the most satisfactory of thousands of plants which were experimented with, no estimate had yet made possible, the cost of production of synthetic rubber, nor were the commercial possibilities decided.

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A Common Weed

New York, Earlier. Mr. Edison claims to have produced artificial rubber, which it will be possible to manufacture at a cost of sixteen cents per pound. It is made from "Golden Rod" one of the commonest weeds in the United States.—Reuter's American

"wash-out" when I was unnerved by a terrific roar from the fifteen-pounder, only a few yards away.

Then things began to happen. Lieutenants and sergeants rushed hither and thither, giving orders to "stand by" and "get ready" the machines. Motor cycles rushed past me with terrifying speed as I hastened to Headquarters.

"DARE DEVILS"
"Dare devils, those Volunteers," said a Colonel.

Off they sped on their cycles, obeying the order to reconnoitre the roads and lanes.

The grey light turned to pale yellow, and faces and guns and paths gradually sprang into recognisable shapes and colours.

The sky was now lit up with Verrey lights. In the bay the ghost-like form of H.M.S. "Berwick" crept into view and fired a dozen rounds. There was a puff of smoke like cotton wool from the side of the ship, followed by a red-yellow flame and a dull roar that made the hills tremble. No. 1 and No. 2 batteries let go with animation, and rifle fire snapped during the intervals. The enemy had made a landing.

THE "BERWICK" TURNS TAIL
The telephones buzzed feverishly, and the light grew stronger and stronger, throwing the hills into bold relief.

H.M.S. "Berwick" raised steam and showed her stern to the island. She had been badly hit, it appeared, and sent violet light signals to warn the landing party of her condition. As soon as she had disappeared from sight, two large R.A.F. bombing planes roared overhead, dropping imaginary bombs, or, so the R.A.F. Empire explains to me, reaching such favourable positions that, if bombs were dropped, their objectives could be attained.

The "Hermes" then slipped into the Bay and fired a few shots at the No. 2 Base, but did little damage.

THE VICTORS' SMILE
The attacking party, which it appeared, had landed both at Repulse Bay and Deep Water Bay, crept up the hillside and forced its way to a point just below Headquarters. But an Empire confided to me that they could never have done so in reality. "They would have been swept clean to pieces by the barrage of fire," he said.

But the "enemy," with linen strips around their caps, strode cheerily into view, full of the glorious pride of victory.

H.E. Major General Sandilands drove up in his black Buick Sedan and greeted the officers of G.H.Q. staff. He expressed satisfaction at the manner in which the defence of the area had been carried out, and criticised with Comodore Hill, R.N., certain weaknesses in the sea attack.

"BREAKFAST"
A friendly spirit was in the air. Bugles were blown, and somebody suggested breakfast.

"Cease hostilities," commanded the General Officer Commanding, and immediately there was a stampede for the canteen.

A smiling blue-faced, who had just been arrested for creeping up the main road, smiled. "Is the blinkin' war over?" he said, and fired his last shot in the air when I told him that indeed it was.

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A TIMID DIET

No Reference To The Dictator

Warsaw, Yesterday. The Diet opened this morning without incident, and proceeded very quietly with the agenda, including the budget and the revision of a constitution. The sole reference of the Speaker, Mr. Damski, to the military invasion of Parliament was the expression of his conviction that the army should keep aloof from politics. General Pilsudski was absent from the session.—Reuter.

TAX REDUCTION

\$160,000 Cut To Be Made In United States

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